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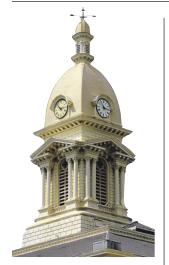
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Wabash Plain Dealer's new office now open

The Wabash Plain Dealer's new office is now open on the second floor at 99 W. Canal St.

Band to perform at Eagle's Lodge

Fraternal Order of Eagles Lodge No. 549 will host a performance of the Undercover band from 8 p.m. to midnight Friday, Nov. 15 at 140 Walter St. Attendees must be 18 years or older to attend. There is no cost.

Kokomo day trip planned for next month

The North Manchester Historical Society and Shepherd's Center are sponsoring a day trip to Kokomo Opalescent Glass, Celebrations Event Center and Seiberling Mansion on Thursday, Dec. 12. The cost of the day trip is \$72 and includes luxury coach, both tours, lunch, and any tips and taxes. Please RSVP by Nov. 15. For detailed information contact Bernie Ferringer, tour coordinator, by mail at 314 Sunset Drive, North Manchester, IN 46962; by email at bernievicki@gmail.com; or by phone at 260-982-8734.

Manchester **University offers** 'Curious Incident' play

Manchester University Theater presents "The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time," at 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 15 and Saturday, Nov. 16, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 17 in Cordier Auditorium on the North Manchester campus. General admission is \$10; it is \$7 for students and senior citizens; and free for MU faculty, staff and students.

Downtown Night to Remember planned

The following schedule of events had been released for Friday, Nov. 15: 4 to 9 p.m., Holiday Open Houses and Map Stamping; 6:30 to 7 p.m., The Lighting of the Courthouse including Santa's arrival; and 7:15 to 9 p.m., Visit with Santa at Wabash City Hall.

Holiday season officially begins with open house Friday

The holidays have arrived early at the Honeywell Center and will be celebrated

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Impeachment witness says Trump asked about the Ukraine probes

and MARY CLARE JALONICK

WASHINGTON — A top

American diplomat revealed new evidence Wednesday of President Donald Trump's efforts to press Ukraine to investigate political rivals as House investigators launched public impeachment hearings for just the fourth time in the nation's history.

Ukraine, said for the first time that Trump was overheard asking another ambassador about "the investigations" he'd urged Ukraine's leader to conduct one day earlier. Taylor said he learned of Trump's phone call with the ambassador only in recent days.

est-ranking U.S. official in no more than second- and third-hand knowledge of allegations that Trump held up millions of dollars in military aid for the Eastern European nation facing Russian aggression. Trump is accused of trying to trade that aid for Ukrainian investigations into former Vice President Joe Biden and the Democratic Republicans retorted that National Committee.

television for the nation to see, provided hours of partisan back-and-forth but so far no singular moment etched in the public consciousness as grounds for removing the 45th president from office. Trump, who was meeting at the White House with Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, declared he was "too busy" to watch.

unfolded partly the way Democrats leading the inquiry wanted: in the somber tones of two career foreign service officers who described confusion both within the U.S. government and in Ukraine about what Trump wanted from Kyiv. Taylor testified alongside George Kent, a

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WHS hosts

College and

Career Fair

Nearly 50 colleges,

businesses, other

groups attended

Wednesday

BY ROB BURGESS

rburgess@wabashplaindealer.com

Guidance Department. During the event, WHS

school career options.

The sixth annual Col-

lege and Career Fair was held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Wednesday, according to the

Wabash High School (WHS)

played host to over 48 colleg-

es, businesses and represen-

tatives from other post-high

"The purpose of this Col-

lege and Career Fair is to

allow WHS students, and

students from surrounding

school corporations, to gath-

er the necessary tools and

information needed to successfully make the next step

after their high school gradu-

ation," stated the release.

"As an Early College High

School, WHS is dedicated to providing its students the

highest level of curriculum

possible while providing

them with experiences and

opportunities they may not

otherwise have the opportu-

In response to a Plain

Dealer request Wednesday,

Jeffery R. Galley, WHS as-

sistant principal, provided the following list of organi-

■ Alexandria School of

zations which attended:

■ Air Force Reserve

Scientific Therapeutics

■ Anderson University

■ Ball State University ■ Indiana Kentucky Ohio

■ Aveda Fredric's Institute

Regional Council of Carpen-

■ Community Foundation

■ Heartland Career Center

■ Indiana Farm Bureau In-

■ Indiana State University

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■ Ivy Tech Community College of Indiana – Wabash

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STORIES: Heidi Lovett, NMPL programming coordinator, left, shares stories Tuesday aboard the Peabody Retire-

'Intergenerational Storytime' at the NMPL

Peabody Retirement Community residents share tales with children

BY ROB BURGESS

Holding Tuesday afternoon Storytimes at the North Manchester Public Library (NMPL) isn't anything unusual.

But, this week, the presence of the Peabody Retirement Community bus idling outside the front doors indicated this week would be somewhat different.

That's because Tuesday's event was an "Intergenerational Storytime."

"Several of the residents will be coming to the library ... and our Storytime kids will be getting on the bus with them for a special Storytime," stated Sarah Joy Morbitzer, NMPL chilbefore the event. "The kids will also get the chance to see some of the equipment dents have traveled." on the bus and ask questions



dren's department head, BUS: The Peabody Retirement Community bus idles Tuesday outside the front doors of the North Manchester Public Library.

On the bus itself, attend- dinator. about how the bus works ees were treated to stoand places Peabody resi- ries read by Heidi Lovett, choices of "Don't Let the quite appropriate.

NMPL programming coor-

Given the location, the

Pigeon Drive the Bus!" by Mo Willems and "The Wheels on the Bus" were

Manchester senior Francois is named Ambassador for Peace

Federation is a nonprofit organization with consultative UN status

as all disciplines of human and urban Haitian communi-

endeavor. They stand on the ties. Francois is its co-founder

common ground of shared and director of marketing.

BY ANNE GREGORY Manchester University se-

nior Chris Francois has been named an Ambassador for Peace by the Universal Peace Federation.

The federation is a nonprofit organization with consulta-

tive status at the United Nation's Economic and Social Council. Ambassadors for Peace is racial and ethnic diversity

of the human family, as well

principles, committed to the path of promoting reconciliation, overcoming barriers and building peace. Ambassadors organize,

support or participate in a wide variety of service and relief projects, such as building schools, digging wells or renovating communities in conflict-torn areas. Francois works with De-

a global network of leaders lice Dental Health Initiative, representing the religious, a nonprofit that has worked since 2015 to improve access

to quality dental care in rural

Manchester, cois is a student assistant at the Peace Studies Institute, president of Amnesty International, founding president and hub coordinator of Sunrise Manchester University, president of the International Association, secretary of the Alpha Mu Gamma Nu Gamma chapter and a resident assistant at Oakwood Hall.

Established by Gladdys Muir in 1948, the Peace Studies Institute and Program in Conflict Resolution at Manchester pioneered as the first undergraduate peace studies

fice of Strategic Communications at

Manchester University.

AMBASSADOR: Manchesprogram in the world. ter University senior Chris Francois has been named Anne Gregory is the assistant director of media relations in the Of-



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an Ambassador for Peace

by the Universal Peace

Federation.

■ Vet Tech Institute at International Business College ■ Indiana Wesleyan University ■ LIFT Academy ■ Manchester University

■ United States Marine

Corps ■ United States Navy

■ Ohio Technical College

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California regulators order inquiry into power outages

SAN FRANCISCO — California regulators opened a formal investigation Wednesday into pre-emptive power outages that blacked out large parts of the state in October, drawing strong rebukes from public officials and residents who said the shut-offs were too broad and poorly executed.

The unanimous vote by the California Public Utilities Commission followed testimony from a handful of people who pleaded with the regulatory body for leadership at a time of increased danger from fire and other natural disasters.

"Many Californians are debating whether California is still safe. Is this a safe place to live?" said Will Abrams of Santa Rosa, whose house burned down in 2017 in wildfires that roared through Northern California wine country.

The state's largest utility, Pacific Gas & Electric Co., initiated multiple rounds of shut-offs and plunged nearly 2.5 million people into darkness at one point throughout Northern and Central California. Some of the outages lasted for several days.

PG&E officials insisted on the shut-offs for public safety, but infuriated residents and a parade of public officials, including Gov. Gavin Newsom, said cutting off power should be used only as a last resort and that the company regularly botched communications.

Southern California Edison Co. and San Diego Gas & Electric Co. also shut off power but to far fewer people.

Nevada City Mayor Reinette Senum said Wednesday that her rural community had no working phones or internet. She wants local control over the power grid, which she said could take better care than the for-profit utility.

"Basically, we were sent back into the dark ages," she

The outages raised concerns about whether the utilities "properly balanced the need to provide reliable service with public safety and were properly planned and executed," said the order authorizing the investigation.

CPUC President Marybel Batier requested the investigation, saying that widespread outages "cannot be the new normal for California."

Commissioners Wednesday that they want to know if utilities took the proper steps and what can be done to improve such shutoffs or lessen their scope in the future.

Abrams not only lost his home in the 2017 wildfires, but his children had to endure smoke from a deadly 2018 wildfire in Paradise. Last month, the family evacuated from another Sonoma County wildfire and were terrified to cross into the San Francisco Bay Area amid smaller grassland fires sparked by PG&E lines falling amid high, hot winds, he said.

"The wonderful thing about regulators is you can cut through the rhetoric," he said. Commissioners have been

stewing over the outages. Last month, they grilled PG&E officials at an emergency meeting called by Batjer, demanding answers for why the utility was so unpre-

pared for an Oct. 9 shutdown in which counties and customers struggled with a crashing website and overworked call lines to get information.

Batjer said she was "absolutely astounded" by the company's lack of preparation.

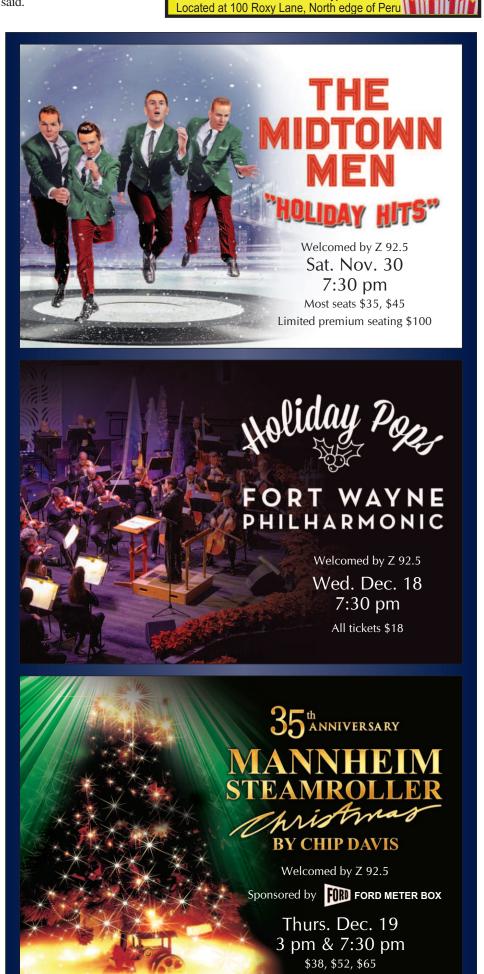
When many cell towers were down and internet services out, the utility was telling people to get information from a website, through family or call on a landline.

The outages were astonishing for a state that is one of the world's economic powerhouses. People made frantic dashes for cash and gas as businesses watched their goods spoil. Some elderly and disabled people were trapped in their apartments with elevators out of service.

PG&E initiated five rounds, with the smallest affecting about 30,000 people and the largest affecting nearly 2.5 million. Residents in San Francisco suburbs and in Northern California wine country were without power

Bill Johnson, CEO of Pacific Gas & Electric Corp., said the outages were the right call and kept people safe, although a transmission line in Sonoma County that was not powered off malfunctioned minutes before a wildfire erupted Oct. 23, forcing about 180,000 people to evacuate.





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Tomorrow's sunrise 7:34 a.m. temperature of 35°, humidity of 71%. West southwest wind 7 mph. Expect partly cloudy skies tonight with an overnight low of 19°. West wind 3 to 6 mph. The wind chill for tonight could reach 13°. Friday, skies will be sunny with a high of 33°, humidity of 67%. 12/12 Reader can't move

5-Day Weather Summary

Saturday

Partly Cloudy

31/24

Sunday

Mostly Cloudy

36 / 26

Detailed Local Outlook

Today we will see mostly cloudy skies with a high

Mostly Cloudy

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past childhood for kids

buy gifts for us kids. We were a family of seven, and money did not stretch that far. So every year at Christmas, my to eat that everybody could share. I have not

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Mostly Cloudy

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Sun and Moon

Today's sunset 5:30 p.m.

Friday

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been able to Harriette get past what happened to me as a child in order to there for my children. I have two kids, and my husband and I have good jobs. We can

afford to give them multiple gifts extravagant, but something. Still, I can't seem to get there. I find it so hard to shop for them because I get lost in thoughts of my past. What can I do to break through? -Frozen

DEAR FROZEN: Why not bake a cake with your kids to celebrate the holidays? You can make that a tradition in a way that honors what your mother was able to do for

The next step can be to establish a new tradition. You can ask your children what they most want for Christmas. Let them suggest several items with the understanding that you would like to get them something special. There can be some surprise in the final outcome if you do not tell them what you are choosing. Once you have their lists, you can review them to see if you feel comfortable getting them each of the items they have listed, or if you will choose only one or two. Do your best to give your children the same number of items so that they don't mistakenly read anything in to the gifts they receive when they make comparisons.

Beyond that, you may want to consider a bit of therapy. You are holding on to some strong memories and experiences from your childhood. A professional may be able to help you unlock some of those old feelings and release

DEAR HARRIETTE: I work independently, so I am accustomed to hustling to get people to pay attention to me. I feel like I'm constantly pitch-

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TUESDAY'S **LOTTERIES**

Cash 5 07-33-37-38-42 Estimated jackpot: \$190,000 Cash4Life 04-11-14-15-60, Cash Ball:

Daily Three-Midday

1-9-7, SB: 5

Daily Three-Evening 6-5-9, SB: Daily Four-Midday 6-1-1-4, SB: 5 **Daily Four-Evening** 5-7-5-9, SB: Mega Millions 19-30-44-56-65, Mega Ball: 24, Megaplier: 2 Estimated jackpot: \$163 million

Powerball **Estimated** million

WEDNESDAY'S METALS

Aluminum Gold.

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\$60

AREA GRAIN Estimated grain prices Wednesday at Indianapolisarea elevators: Corn: \$4.02.

Soybeans: \$8.85.

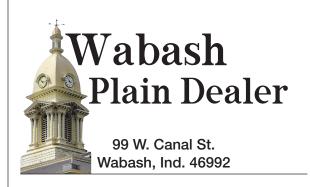
I'm running into some road-

been to make it easier for them when they are busy. people to respond to me by ber to call me. One client just to potential clients. told me that I am too pushy. She even called me a stalker. responsive. What am I doing wrong? – Unwitting Stalker

DEAR HARRIETTE: When ing myself and my ideas. I am **STALKER:** Your follow-up I was growing up, my parents also actively following up on methods don't seem to be never had enough money to everything all the time. That's working right now, so it's what I was taught when I had time to regroup. Following up a job as a producer, but now after three days does seem aggressive – unless you are facblocks. I have noticed that ing a tight deadline. A week mother would bake a cake or people aren't answering my is a more normal follow-up make something else for us calls the way they used to. I interval. Also, an email or a think some people are avoid- text may be a better way to ing me, and that's a terrible check in, as neither requires you to talk to the person. That My approach has always way you aren't interrupting

> Take a moment to reassess following up about three your goals and your strategy days after my initial call. for reaching out. Getting qui-That way they don't have to et and still as you contemplate dig through their emails or this may help you to discover phone messages to remem- a softer way of reaching back

> Harriette Cole is a lifestylist and She even called me a stalker. founder of DREAMLEAPERS, an That doesn't seem fair. I coninitiative to help people access sider myself efficient and and activate their dreams. You can send questions to askharriette@ harriettecole.com or c/o Andrews Mc-Meel Syndication, 1130 Walnut St., UNWITTING Kansas City, MO 64106.



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Kristie Miller: 52, of Wabash died at 1:16 am Wednesday, Nov. 13, 2019, at Visiting Nurse and Hos-

pice Home of Fort Wayne. Services are pending at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, Wabash.

Google's health care ambitions now involve patient data

BY RACHEL LERMAN AP Technology Write

SAN FRANCISCO — Google announced a partnership with a large U.S. health care system aimed at modernizing its information system and providing new tools for doctors, in the tech giant's latest foray into the health in-

Announcement of its arrangement with the Catholic health care system Ascension followed a Wall Street Journal report on Monday that Google had access to thousands of patient health records without doctors' knowledge.

Both companies stressed that their deal is compliant with federal health-privacy law. Unlike most of the data Google collects on individuals, health data is strictly regulated by the federal gov-

Google is providing cloud computing services to Ascension, which operates health centers in 21 states, mostly across the South and Midwest. It is also testing the use of artificial intelligence to examine health records and find patterns that Google says might help doctors and other providers.

Health care providers are increasingly interested in using data to help manage care and keep patients healthy. That might mean relatively simple things like tracking whether someone refills a prescription or something more complex like spotting a worsening medical condition and addressing it before the patient winds up in the hos-

Health care systems are allowed to share patient information with business partners so long as the partners agree to safeguard the information and use it only in the way it was intended.

deputy assistant secretary at

Taylor said his staff recent-

ly told him they overheard

Trump's phone call with an-

other diplomat, Ambassador

Gordon Sondland, at a res-

taurant the day after Trump's

July 25 phone call with the

new leader of Ukraine that

sparked the impeachment

investigation. The staffer

explained that Sondland

had called the president and

Trump could be heard asking

about "the investigations."

Sondland told the president

the Ukrainians were ready to

move forward, Taylor testi-

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the State Department.

"To be clear: under this arrangement, Ascension's data cannot be used for any other purpose than for providing these services we're offering under the agreement, and patient data cannot and will not be combined with any Google consumer data," Google cloud executive Tariq Shaukat wrote in a blog post.

Still, some people are wary of the big tech company having access to sensitive personal information. Google, along with other big tech counterparts including Facebook and Apple, have been under the microscope in the last couple years about how they use and sometimes misuse - the vast collections of customer data they collect.

This concern was kicked into mainstream view after Facebook's Cambridge Analytica scandal, in which the social network shared a vast amount of user data, without permission, with a political consultancy once affiliated with President Donald Trump's 2016 campaign.

It has since touched nearly every corner of the tech industry, where data is key to digital advertising and developing features using custom-

That concern has not quieted as the companies continue to push into more aspects of consumer life.

Google has been pressing into the health care space in recent months, including an announced deal to buy wearable company Fitbit. The company has also hired several health care executives, hinting at larger health data strategies to come.

Ascension and Google both acknowledged privacy concerns, but say the agreement is compliant with federal law and that health data will be kept secure.

ings with Ukraine, including

a July phone call in which he

urged Ukrainian President

Volodymyr Zelenskiy to in-

vestigate unfounded corrup-

tion allegations into Biden

and Biden's son - all while

the U.S. was holding up U.S.

At the start, Rep. Adam

Schiff, the Democratic chair-

man of the Intelligence Com-

mittee, outlined the question

at the core of the impeach-

ment inquiry - whether the

president used his office for

and as terrible as that," said

Schiff of California. "Our an-

swer to these questions will

affect not only the future of

this presidency but the future

of the presidency itself, and

what kind of conduct or mis-

"The matter is as simple

personal political gain.

military aid.

Fed's Powell sees steady growth, signals pause in interest rate cuts

BY CHRISTOPHER RUGABER AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON — Federal Reserve Chairman Jerome Powell indicated Wednesday that the Fed is likely to keep its benchmark short-term interest rate unchanged in the coming months, unless the economy shows signs of worsening.

But for now, in testimony before a congressional panel, Powell expressed optimism about the U.S. economy and said he expects it will grow at a solid pace, though it still faces risks from slower growth overseas and trade

"Looking ahead, my colleagues and I see a sustained expansion of economic activity, a strong labor market, and inflation near our symmetric 2 percent objective as most likely," Powell said in testimony before Congress' Joint Economic Committee.

Fed policymakers are unlikely to cut rates, Powell said, unless the economy slows enough to cause Fed policymakers to make a "material reassessment" of their

The Fed cut short-term rates last month for the third time this year, to a range of 1.5 percent to 1.75 percent.

"It now looks increasingly likely that the Fed will move to the sidelines for an extended period," Andrew Hunter, an economist at Capital Economics, a forecasting firm,

Powell's testimony comes 'economic boom" and attacked the Fed for not cutting interest rates further. Powell and other Fed officials, however, argue that their rate cuts, by lowering borrowing costs on mortgages and other loans, have spurred home sales and boosted the economy.

negative interest rates, which Trump also called for Tues-"would certainly not be appropriate in the current environment"

Negative rates occur "at low and inflation is quite low, and you really don't see that here," Powell said.

also questioned whether cutting rates below zero has actually succeeded in boosting growth in places like Europe and Japan, where central banks have pushed rates into negative territory.

Despite Trump's attacks, both Republican and Democratic lawmakers took a largely supportive and respectful approach to Powell. Several complimented him for the "Fed Listens" events the central bank has held around the country, which have sought input from a range of groups, including unions and nonprofits, on ways the Fed could update its monetary policy framework.

Powell repeatedly demurred when Sen. Ted Cruz, R-Texas, pressed him on how higher tax rates would affect the economy, including wealth taxes that have been proposed by Democratic presidential candidates Elizabeth Warren and Bernie

But Powell did concede, under questioning from Cruz, that a ban on fracking would over environmental concerns about the controversial method for drilling for oil and gas.

Recent data suggests that growth remains solid if not spectacular. The economy expanded at a 1.9 percent annual rate in the July-Sep-3.1 percent in the first three room to maneuver whenever year.

employment rate is near a even lower. Inflation, according to the

times when growth is quite just 1.3 percent, though it has been held down in recent months by lower energy Other Fed officials have expect it to move higher in roughly 5 percentage points. the coming months.

> Yet Powell reiterated that higher tariffs from the Trump administration's trade war with China and uncertainty over potential future duties have caused many businesses to delay or cut back on their investment spending in large equipment and buildings. That has slowed economic growth.

"Uncertainty around future trade policy has been weighing on business sentiment," Powell said. "It's been a real distraction for management."

Powell on Wednesday also urged Congress to lower the federal budget deficit so that lawmakers would have more flexibility to cut taxes or boost spending to counter a future recession.

"The federal budget is on an unsustainable path, with high and rising debt," Powell said. "Over time, this outlook could restrain fiscal policymakers' willingness or ability to support economic activity during a downturn."

Other Fed officials have voiced similar concerns. "not be a good thing for the Patrick Harker, president of a day after President Don- economy." Some Democrats the Federal Reserve Bank That contrasts with the Fed's ald Trump took credit for an have called for a fracking ban of Philadelphia, said Tuesday that the large deficit, and the constraints it imposes on Congress in the event of a recession, "is one of the things I do lose sleep over."

Powell also noted that with the Fed's benchmark rate at historically low levels, the tember quarter, down from central bank will have less

Powell was asked about months of the year. The un- the next downturn arrives.

"Central banks around the 50-year low of 3.6 percent world are going to have less day, and responded that they and hiring is strong enough room to cut in this new norto potentially push the rate mal of low rates and low inflation," he said.

The Fed is exploring an al-Fed's preferred gauge, is ternative policy framework, Powell said, that it hopes will provide more flexibility. In typical recessions, the costs and most Fed officials Fed cuts short-term rates by

Powell reiterated that the Fed believes the unemployment rate could fall further without necessarily pushing inflation higher, a view that suggests the central bank is a long way off from hiking

"The data is not sending any signal that the labor market is so hot or that inflation is moving up," he said in response to a question from New York Rep. Carolyn Maloney, a Democrat and vice chair of the Joint Economic Committee. "What we have learned ... is that the U.S. economy can operate at a much lower level of unemployment than many thought."

Historically, super-low unemployment has been seen as likely to push up inflation, as workers push for higher pay and companies offer greater salaries to find and

Powell's testimony comes after many Fed officials in the past two weeks have voiced support for the Fed's recent moves and expressed confidence in the economy. previous meetings when as many as three officials dis sented.

Most analysts forecast that the Fed will hold rates steady when it meets next month. But some economists expect growth will slow in the coming months and the Fed will likely have to cut again next

Officer: I quit Proud Boys over fears of 'far-left' attacks

BY MICHAEL KUNZELMAN

A Connecticut police oforganization's leader of trying to "silence conservative voices" by raising concerns about his membership in a far-right group known for its violent clashes at political rallies, according to a letter obtained by The Associated Press.

In his letter, addressed to East Hampton's police chief, Officer Kevin Wilcox said he was a dues-paying Proud Boys member for about eight months. But he said he quit the group because he suspected its members would be attacked by "far-left political organizations" and labeled as bigots due to their "love" for President Donald Trump.

The AP obtained a copy of Wilcox's July 31 letter in response to a public records request.

The Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law called for Wilcox's removal from the police department after inquiring about his social media connections with Proud Boys members.

In September, East Hampton Police Chief Dennis Woessner told the organization that Wilcox's Proud Boys membership didn't violate department policies.

Wilcox, 53, retired from the East Hampton Police Department on Oct. 22, one week after the AP reported that Wilcox had been a Proud Boys member and made online payments

to a group leader.

Kristen Clarke, the civil rights group's president ficer accused a civil rights and executive director, had urged the department to investigate Wilcox's "possible connections with white supremacist groups and individuals." Her July 24 letter to the police chief described the Proud Boys as a "malechauvinist group with ties to white nationalism."

The chief asked Wilcox for a written response to Clarke's allegations. Wilcox said Clarke's claim that he publicly associated with white supremacists was "an outright lie and an assault on my character."

"Clarke's letter is filled with links to far-left propaganda that expose her motive, which is to silence conservative voices. The law firm that she represents is a cudgel used to bludgeon anyone who doesn't follow their far left ideology," he

The links in Clarke's letter included articles published by PBS, National Public Radio, the Guardian newspaper and the Hartford Courant. Wilcox also said it is

"very telling" that Clarke's organization is funded by "many uber-progressive (alt-left) foundations like George Soros's Foundation to Promote Open Society."

Soros is a billionaire philanthropist and Hungarianborn Jew who is frequently demonized by right-wing conspiracy theorists.

Clarke said her group's

safety at a time of increasing hate activity, extremism

and racial violence." "Extremists undermine the integrity of law enforcement and pose a threat to public safety," she wrote in a text message Wednesday. "We won't stop until we eliminate extremists from the ranks of law enforcement, root and branch."

Wilcox said he only was a "passive" member before he quit the Proud Boys in February, about five months before Clarke's group first inquired about his Proud Boys ties.

"They were childish and annoying," he wrote.

Vice Media co-founder Gavin McInnes started the Proud Boys in 2016. Mc-Innes and the Proud Boys have described the group as a politically incorrect men's club for "Western chauvinists" and deny affiliations with far-right extremist groups that overtly espouse racist and anti-Semitic views.

February, McInnes sued the Alabama-based Southern Poverty Law Center for labeling the Proud Boys as a hate group. In response to the lawsuit, the law center said Proud Boys members often spread "outright bigotry" over the internet and have posted social media pictures of themselves with prominent Holocaust deniers, white nationalists and "known neo-Nazis."

In New York City in Oc-

"sole goal is ensuring public tober 2018, police arrested several Proud Boys members who brawled with anti-fascist protesters following a speech by McInnes at a Manhattan Republican club. Proud Boys members also have frequently clashed with counterprotesters at rallies in Califor-

> nia and Oregon. Wilcox said he paid dues to a group leader and was told the money would pay for food and a room for "meet-ups." The civil rights group claimed those publicly visible, online dues payments helped fund the Proud Boys' "violent or otherwise illegal" activities.

But the town's police chief said he closed the department's inquiry as being "unfounded," with no evidence to support a policy violation or any proof that Wilcox is a white supremacist.

individuals "Different or organizations can have their own opinions of certain groups or individuals, which may or may not be correct according to others," the chief wrote. "As an example, there are certain individuals/groups who view President Trump as a racist and others do not. Does that mean any person who contributes to the Republican party is therefore a racist?"

Wilcox had been an East Hampton police officer since 1999. The town is about 20 miles southeast of Hartford and has a population of nearly 13,000 residents, roughly 90 percent of whom are white.

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But the LORD sits enthroned forever; he has established his throne for justice, and he judges the world with righteousness: he judges the peoples with uprightness.

Psalm 9:7-8

A teaching moment for Northwestern

Sessions agreed to speak at Northwestern University, editors at the student-run Daily Northwestern newspaper recognized it as a big story. Sessions, invited by College Republicans, was unwelcome by many on the liberal-leaning campus, so the Daily assigned one reporter to cover Sessions' talk and another to cover students protesting his appearance, plus a photographer.

So far so good, journalistically: Nice hustle, staff smartly deployed in the service of readers. As anticipated, Sessions' Nov. 5 appearance turned confrontational and the Daily got the story, all of it: Sessions explaining the policies of President Donald Trump, student protesters pounding on the doors trying to disrupt him, university police roughing up some of those protesters who got inside, Sessions criticizing the protesters for their

Maybe this incident isn't as significant as NU's antiwar strike of 1970 when a student barricade blocked Sheridan Road, but who knows? The work of journalists is to chronicle events in realtime – to write the first draft of history, as we news folks like to say. The reporters and editors of The Daily Northwestern

And then, in the aftermath, Daily editors had second thoughts about their coverage decisions, second thoughts about their responsibilities to readers, second thoughts about the role of a campus newspaper at a politically charged moment in America. Instead of taking justifiable pride in their reporting, the editors shockingly – apologized.

In a signed statement published Sunday, Editor in Chief Troy Closson and other staffers repudiated their own work, saying photos of the demonstrators posted to social media were "invasive." They also expressed regret that reporters had used Northwestern's directory to

then texted those students to ask if they'd ideas, including potentially offensive be willing to be interviewed. The Daily editors abrogated their responsibility, unpublishing photos and pledging to rebuild trust they perceived was broken - when in fact they'd had their priorities and journalistic practices exactly right.

The tone of the apology provides context for the Daily's puzzling capitulation. The editors mistakenly decided in hindsight that Sessions' appearance as a Trumpian Republican wasn't news in the customary sense, it was a traumatizing event that required extreme sensitivity. "We feel that covering traumatic events requires a different response than many other stories," the editors wrote. While our goal is to document history and spread information, nothing is more important than ensuring that our fellow students feel safe - and in situations like this, that they are benefiting from our coverage rather than being actively harmed by it."

To be frank, that's not journalism. That's the language of campus coddling. It's prevalent at too many colleges, where professors provide "trigger warnings" before addressing tough topics and administrators avoid having divisive – read: conservative – speakers

We're disappointed in Northwestern President Morton Schapiro, who said he supported Sessions' appearance but then lamented that Sessions wasn't "the right speaker" for Northwestern. Too polarizing for Schapiro's taste? That should be the university's goal: to expose students to different opinions, even ones they may find disagreeable, and encourage those students to listen, to question and to respond (civilly).

In contrast, we've admired the University of Chicago's commitment to free expression as voiced forcefully and repeatedly by President Robert Zim-

ones, so students can learn to think for themselves

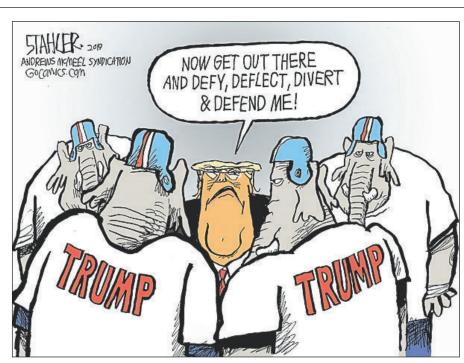
When even NU's president wishes the Sessions event hadn't happened, the Daily's editors would have felt awfully lonely sticking to journalistic principles. Closson, as the third African American editor in Daily history, explained on Twitter that he thought he had a responsibility to gain readership from students of color who had felt alienated from the newspaper. That's an appropriate goal, but here's what news organizations owe their audiences: thorough, fair-minded coverage via energetic and creative reporting - not pandering to public sentiment. Readers (students included) who are pampered and protected remain uninformed.

In the aftermath to the aftermath, we want to support the Daily's editors, not castigate them. They are students who, by definition, learn by doing - and sometimes failing. Closson acknowledges that the Daily's statement was an overcorrection. He's owning this episode.

Hey, we err too. The Tribune publishes corrections and clarifications almost every day. We learn from our mistakes then move on. Do the same, Daily editors: Examine your work and make sure it's in the service of your entire readership, because all those people count on you to report the facts accurately and impartially.

Let this be a teaching moment, then, for the Daily, for President Schapiro and for Northwestern's Medill School of Journalism, whose professors we know have the chops to teach the craft. Among its tenets: Journalism isn't about popularity. Sometimes there's no better way to make enemies than telling the truth to the people.

This editorial was first published in The Chicago Tribune.



No, Michael Bloomberg will not save the Democrats

(WARNING: Parts of this column may bear strong resemblance to my earlier columns when Michael Bloomberg

Byron York



toyed with running for president, because with Bloomberg, history has a way of repeating itself.)

Every four years, Michael Bloomberg hears something virtually no other American hears: a groundswell of support for a Michael Bloomberg presidential candidacy. Now, as the 2020

Democratic primaries rapidly approach, he's hearing it again.

Bloomberg, a fairly successful mayor of New York and a fabulously successful businessman, has an estimated net worth of \$52 billion. Without that fortune, nobody would be talking about a Bloomberg candidacy at this late date. But with his money, Bloomberg could self-finance a run from start to finish without ever having to ask a single donor for a penny. That gives him freedom to float a would-be candidacy long after the field has been set.

This time, Bloomberg, who in his political life has been a Democrat, a Republican, an independent and now a Democrat again, is setting a personal record by flirting twice in a single cycle.

Last spring, there was a ripple of speculation about a 2020 Bloomberg candidacy. On March 5, Bloomberg put an end to it when he announced flatly, "I'm not running for president." Instead, he said, he would pour his energy and resources into a new climate change project called Beyond Carbon.

Now, however, he has apparently moved beyond Beyond Carbon. Last week, The New York Times reported that

Bloomberg is "actively preparing to enter the Democratic presidential primary." Mike is increasingly concerned that

the current field of candidates is not

well positioned to (defeat Trump)," Bloomberg adviser Howard Wolfson told the paper. "If Mike runs he would offer a new choice to Democrats built on a unique record running America's biggest city, building a business from scratch and taking on some of America's toughest challenges as a high-impact philanthropist."

Bloomberg is said to be concerned and it is a legitimate concern - that the current Democratic field has moved too far left, embracing policies like Medicare for All, virtually open borders, free college and wealth taxes. That's what Wolfson meant when he said the field is 'not well positioned" to beat Trump.

But there is no indication that voters believe Bloomberg is the solution to the problem. This latest tease is too recent for any reliable polling – although one survey found Bloomberg with the highest negatives in the field – but in the past, he has never been a voter favorite outside the confines of New York City.

Bloomberg is being pressed into action by states with early primary filing deadlines. He has already placed his name on the ballot for the Alabama primary, and a short time later flew to Arkansas to file

Alabama and Arkansas are fine, but what about Iowa, New Hampshire, Nevada and South Carolina - the first states to cast votes and award delegates? Bloomberg has apparently decided to blow them off. "In a dramatic acknowledgment of

his own late start in the race," the Times reported, "Mr. Bloomberg and his advisers have decided that he would pursue a risky strategy of skipping all four traditional early state contests ... and focus instead on big states that hold primaries soon afterward."

Instead of "risky strategy," one might substitute "crazy strategy." Candi-

dates in the past have sometimes tried

to skip an early primary or caucus, but

skipping all four at the beginning is a sure way to lose. Bloomberg predecessor Rudy Giuliani essentially tried it in the Republican contest in 2008, and by the time the first four primaries were over, voters barely remembered Giuliani was in the race.

The same will likely happen to Bloomberg, if he goes through with it. Recall the excitement and 24/7 media attention that precedes the Iowa caucuses, and then the shift to New Hampshire, and so on. Bloomberg won't be a part of that. He can buy all the ads he wants telling people to just wait until he gets in, but there will be Democratic winners chosen by the voters of the first four state contests who cannot be ignored.

Also, if Bloomberg jumps in, voters will eventually recognize that he, like Joe Biden and Bernie Sanders, is too old to be president. Bloomberg will be nearly 79 on Inauguration Day 2021. Like Biden, who will be 78, and Sanders, who will be 79, Bloomberg will have to convince voters that a president in his 80s never before seen in American history is nothing to worry about.

Bloomberg's move is a symptom of Democratic anxiety. We've seen it before, in both parties. At the beginning of a primary season, with a big field of candidates starting the race, the party faithful say, "Isn't this great? We have so many good candidates - almost an embarrassment of riches!" Then, after several months of campaigning, they say, "Can't somebody enter this race and save us?"

The answer is no. The Democratic field is what it is. One of the candidates in the race right now will win the nomination, go on to face President Trump, and have a chance to become the next president. There's no savior waiting to rescue Democrats - and that includes Michael Bloomberg.

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Ronald Reagan is not even welcome in Berlin now

In June 1987, President Ronald Reagan stood before the Berlin Wall at the Brandenburg Gate and

Marc A. Thiessen



uttered iconic words that shook the world: "General Secretary Gorbachev come here to this gate Mr. Gorbachev, tear down this

wall!" They had

been repeatedly removed from his draft speech by nervous State Department bureaucrats, but Reagan kept putting them back in. And just 2 and a half years after Reagan spoke them, that wall came down.

We speak now of the "fall" of the Berlin Wall, but in truth the wall did not just fall. It was pushed. It was the policies of Reagan - his insistence on speaking truth about the evils of Communism, and his support for anti-Soviet freedom fighters, increased defense spending, the deployment of intermediate range missiles in Europe and the Strategic Defense Initiative – that bankrupted the Soviet Union and brought about the peaceful collapse of the wall and the Evil Empire that

So it comes as a shock to learn that today Reagan is not welcome in Berlin. To mark the 30th anniversary of the wall's collapse, the United States tried to get German agreement to erect a statue of Reagan in a public square in Berlin. Berlin officials refused. John Heubusch, head of the Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute, said that "we were told it would be near impossible to make such a statue in Berlin."

Faced with German rejection of a Reagan statue on German soil, the Trump administration decided to erect it on U.S. soil - on the embassy terrace overlooking the Brandenburg Gate where Reagan delivered his fateful call. In an interview, U.S. Ambassador to Germany Richard Grenell says, "We decided we were going to take matters into our own hands and put a statue up on the top of the U.S. Embassy." Last week, Secretary of State Mike Pompeo traveled to Berlin to unveil

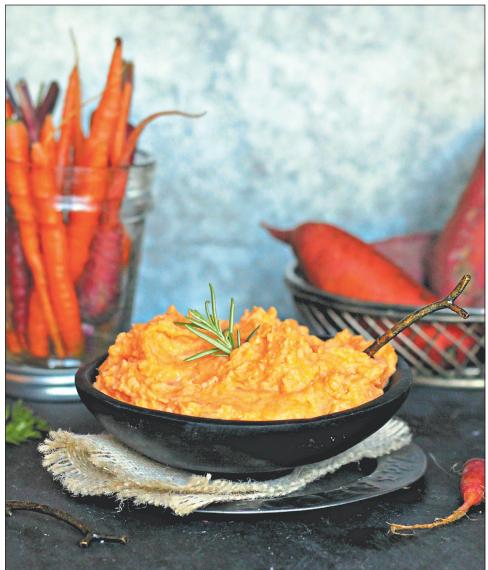
Germany's ingratitude is stunning. Perhaps no country on Earth owes more to the American people. It was the United States that rebuilt postwar Germany with the Marshall Plan. It was the United States that saved Berlin from Soviet domination with the Berlin Airlift. It was the United States that stationed tens of thousands of troops in Germany to prevent a Soviet invasion across the Fulda Gap. The threat of such an invasion was real. The Washington Post reported in 1993 that after East Germany's collapse, the German military found that the communists had "prepared a detailed plan for the takeover of West Berlin" in which "Soviet forces and East German army, border police and local police ... would storm through the Berlin Wall." The planning was "so detailed and advanced that the communists had already made street signs for western cities."

Without the United States, without Reagan, the wall would have been brought down smashed under the treads of Soviet tanks.

In the 20th century, Americans sacrificed their lives and treasure to liberate Germany first from National Socialism and then from Soviet socialism. When the world wanted peaceful coexistence with Soviet communism, Reagan declared his policy toward the U.S.S.R. was simple: "We win, they lose." Lose they did, without a shot fired. And today, the United States still has 50,000 troops stationed on German soil. Germany owes its freedom and prosperity to America and specifically to Ronald Reagan. The least they could do is say thank you, and put up a simple statue.

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SMOOTH: This recipe calls for a combination of sour cream and Greek yogurt in the mash, which creates a balance of smooth richness and tangy lightness.

These roots are smashing

Root vegetables are fall and winter's best-kept secret. Packed with nutrients, natural sugars and starch, the humble root is a healthy and flavorful substitute for the ubiquitous russet potato and a superb way to get your vitamins and nutrients in the cold-weather season. A good peel of skin reveals a rainbow of antioxidant-rich colors ranging from magenta to ochre to buttery yellow, sure to brighten any gray day - and your holiday

Feel free to mix and match roots, such as sweet potato, parsnip, rutabaga, carrot, celery root, and of course the dependable russet, to your taste and preference. Try to choose a balance of sweet and savory roots for even flavor, and mash them to your desired consistency. It's OK if the mash is a little chunky – it provides a nice rustic presentation.

This recipe calls for a combination of sour cream and Greek yogurt in the mash, utes.

which creates a balance of smooth richness and tangy lightness. So long as you use a combined amount of 1 cup, you can opt for all of one or the other.

Smashed Roots

Active Time: 40 minutes **Total Time:** 40 minutes Yield: Serves 4 to 6 3 pounds mixed roots (such as 1 pound each of sweet potato, celery root and rutabaga)

3 garlic cloves, minced 2 tablespoons unsalted butter, softened

1/2 cup sour cream 1/2 cup whole-milk plain Greek yogurt Freshly ground black pepper

Peel the root vegetables and cut into 1-inch chunks. Place the vegetables in a large pot with 2 teaspoons salt and cover with cold water. Bring to a boil over high heat, then reduce the heat to medium and simmer until the vegetables are very tender, about 20 min-

Drain the vegetables and return them to the pot; cool 5 minutes. Add the garlic and butter and mash with a potato masher until the butter is melted. Add the sour cream and yogurt and continue to mash until the ingredients are blended and the mash is to your desired consistency (I like mine a little chunky). Add 1 teaspoon salt and 1/2 teaspoon black pepper, taste for seasoning, and add more if desired.

Spoon into a serving bowl and serve warm.

Prepare ahead:

The mash may be prepared up to 1 day in advance of serving. Cool completely and transfer to a buttered gratin dish. Cover and refrigerate for up to 24 hours. Remove from refrigerator 1 hour before serving.

To reheat, heat the oven to 325 degrees. Dot the top of the mash with about 1 tablespoon of finely diced butter and cover with foil. Bake in the oven until heated through, 30 to 40 minutes.

Pumpkin mac and cheese

BY THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE FOR CANCER RESEARCH

If you are looking for a unique twist on a classic dish, look no further. This pumpkin mac and cheese is a wonderful way to add a nutritional boost to your usual mac and cheese recipe. Pumpkins are rich in carotenoids, particularly alpha- and beta-carotene, high in fiber and provide 100 percent of your daily value of vitamin A in just one serving. This creamy, delicious dish is not only perfect for a fall dinner, but contains 14g of protein and 5g of dietary fiber.

Ingredients

Canola oil cooking spray 1/2 cup panko bread crumbs 1/3 cup grated Parmesan cheese

- 1 Tbsp. canola oil
- 8 oz. whole-wheat pasta 1 cup low-fat (1 percent) milk
- 1 Tbsp. unsalted butter
- 1 Tbsp. all-purpose flour 11/2 cups (21/2 oz.) sharp light (50 percent) Cheddar cheese

- 1 cup canned unsweetened pumpkin
- 1/2 tsp. mustard powder 1/4 tsp. ground black pepper Pinch of cayenne pepper 1/8 tsp. ground nutmeg, optional

Directions

Preheat oven to 375 degrees F. Coat 6 cup baking dish with cooking spray and set aside.

In a separate bowl mix together breadcrumbs and Parmesan cheese and toss to combine. Add oil and using your fingers, toss to coat breadcrumbs, then set mixture

In large pot, boil 4 quarts of water. Add pasta and cook for 10 minutes, until slightly al dente. Drain in colander, and set aside.

While pasta is cooking, heat milk in microwave or small saucepan, until it steams, and set aside.

In large saucepan, melt butter over medium heat. Whisk in flour and cook for 1 min-

ute, whisking slowly. Remove from heat and gradually add milk while whisking to avoid lumps. Return pot to mediumhigh heat and simmer sauce until it thickens to consistency of stirred yogurt, about 3 minutes.

Add Cheddar cheese, pumpkin, mustard, black and cayenne peppers and nutmeg (optional), and stir until cheese melts completely.

cheese mixture.

Spread mac and cheese in prepared baking dish and sprinkle with breadcrumb and parmesan cheese mixture over

Bake 15-20 minutes or until breadcrumbs are crisp and golden brown. Serve

immediately. Makes 6 servings.

Per Serving: 340 calories, 13 g total fat (6 g saturated fat), 41g total carbs, 5g dietary fiber, 14g protein, 250mg



Mix in cooked pasta to BOOST: This pumpkin mac and cheese is a wonderful way to add a nutritional boost to

Greta Thunberg hitches low-carbon ride across Atlantic

BY BEN FINLEY

HAMPTON, Va. — Swedish teen climate activist Greta Thunberg left North America on a return trip across the Atlantic on Wednesday, hitching a renewable-energy ride with an Australian family aboard their 48-foot catamaran.

Thunberg tweeted that they set sail from Virginia after the family answered her urgent appeal for a ride back to Europe, where she hopes to arrive in time for the United Nations climate meeting that was moved to Madrid in early December. They left shortly before 8 a.m. She encouraged followers to track their journey online.

Their boat, named La Vagabonde, leaves little to no carbon footprint, using solar panels and hydro-generators for power. It also has a toilet, unlike the boat on which she sailed from the United Kingdom to New York in August. That one had only a bucket.

"There are countless people around the world who don't have access to a toilet," she said about the upgrade. "It's not that important. But it's nice to have.

Thunberg spoke with The Associated Press Tuesday inside the tight confines of the boat's cabin as it was docked in Hampton, near the mouth of the Chesapeake Bay.

The boat's owners are Riley Whitelum and Elayna Carausu, an Australian couple who travel the world with their 11-month-old baby, Lenny. The family, which has a large online following, responded

to Thunberg's call on social to North Carolina. media for a carbon-free ride to Europe. An expert sailor, Nikki Henderson, also is com-

ing along.

The trip could take two to four weeks, in conditions that could be challenging. November is considered offseason for sailing across the Atlantic. As Thunberg spoke Tuesday, the temperature had dipped into the 30s, with sleet turning to light snow.

But the 16-year-old, who refuses to fly because of the carbon price of plane travel, didn't seem bothered.

"I'm looking forward to it, just to be able to get away and recap everything and to just be disconnected," she said.

Thunberg's nearly threemonth trip through North America included her impassioned speech before the United Nations. She joined in climate strike rallies and protests from California to Colorado

Thunberg has become a symbol of a growing movement of young climate activists after leading weekly school strikes in Sweden that inspired similar actions in about 100 cities worldwide.

She's also drawn criticism from conservative commentators in the U.S. as well as Russian President Vladimir Putin. But she brushed off the criticism Tuesday, saying that yes, she IS too young to be doing

"It should be the adults who take that responsibility," Thunberg said. "But it feels like the adults and the people in power today are not.'

When she looks back on her time in the U.S. and Canada, Thunberg said, the things that stick out the most include a glacier in Canada's Jasper National Park that is destined to disappear "no matter what we





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with its annual Holiday Open House scheduled to take place from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 15. The decorations will adorn the Honeywell Center through Sunday, Jan. 5, 2020. The Holiday Open House event is free and open to the public.

Downtown businesses to extend hours on select dates

Participating shops will be open until 7 p.m. on the following dates: Nov. 15, 17, 23, 24, 29 and 30. Dec. 6, 7, 12, 14, 15, 18, 19, 20 and 21.

Free admission at the Dr. James Ford Historic Home

Activity is gearing up once again at the Dr. James Ford Historic Home in anticipation of Wabash's annual Downtown Night to Remember. taking place from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 15 and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 16. After enjoying the downtown holiday décor, enjoy holiday hoopla and free admission at the Home located at 177 W. Hill Street in Wabash, For more event information on the Dr. James Ford Historic Home, call 260-563-1102 or visit www.drfordhome.org/ programs-and-events.

Bake sale planned for Saturday

Wabash Christian Church has planned a bake sale from 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, Nov. 16 at 110 W. Hill St.

4-H Junior Leaders fish and tenderloin fry planned

An all-you-can-eat fish and tenderloin fry has been planned from 3 to 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 16 hosted at the Lagro Community Building, 230 Buchanan St., Lagro. Tickets are available in advance at a discounted rate at the Wabash County Courthouse, Purdue Extension Office, 1 W. Hill St. The cost

for adults is \$9, children ages 6 to 11 are \$5 and children 5 and under eat free. Tickets may also be purchased at the door the night of the fish and tenderloin fry at the Lagro Community Building at the regular price of adults for \$10, children ages 6 to 11 for \$6, and children 5 and under eat free.

MU invites students, parents to Spartan Day

The school is hosting Spartan Day on Saturday, Nov. 16 at its campus in North Manchester. It is from 8:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and includes a complimentary lunch.

Fresh-cut cedar wreath workshop to be held

Learn the art of making a fresh-cut cedar wreath with floral artist Hannah Mattern from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 16, at the Salamonie Interpretive Center, Salamonie Lake, 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews. The cost is \$25 per person, payable day of the event. Call 260-468-2127 to register. Limited space is available.

National Take-A-Hike Day: Swift Grand Tour planned

From noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 17, ACRES Land Trust volunteers will keep the hiking pace swift. Fuel up your vehicle and join in this fast-walking 6-mile grand tour with built-in breaks as you are caravaning from preserve to preserve. Restrooms are available at Asherwood. The trip concludes with sunset views of the Seven Pillars of the Mississinewa Landmark. Other preserve visits include Kokiwanee, Hathaway Preserve at Ross Run, Asherwood and Pehkokia Woods. Space is limited. For starting location and other information, RSVP to outreach@acreslandtrust. org or 260-637-2273 by Wednesday, Nov. 13.

Eagle on Canvas painting workshop planned

An Eagle on Canvas workshop will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 17 at the Salamonie Interpretive Center,

3691 New Holland Road, Andrews. Participants will take their work of art home. The cost is \$25 per person payable day of the event. Call to register at 260-468-2127. Limited space is available.

Wabash County Genealogical Society meeting planned

The Wabash County Genealogical Society will meet at 6 p.m. Monday, Nov. 18 at Wellbrooke of Wabash. Terri Okuly of the Huntington Temple and Family History Center will discuss the research help offered by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints here in our area. In addition to what the Family History Center offers, their FamilySearch website is free to use, so come learn how to get the most from it for your genealogy research at home. Meetings are always open to the public.

Two student matinee performances scheduled

The Honeywell Foundation's Educational Outreach Program is presenting two Student Matinee performances of "Miss Nelson Has a Field Day" at 10 a.m. and noon Tuesday, Nov. 19, at Honeywell Center's Ford Theater. Tickets to see Mill Nelson Has a Field Day are \$10 for the public, \$6 per student for schools, with one free adult ticket for each 10 students. For more information, please contact the Honeywell Center Box Office at 260-563-1102.

DivorceCare presents 'Surviving the Holidays' series

The DivorceCare support group, which meets at 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday in Room 112 in the Wabash Friends Church, 3563 South Indiana 13, will be offering a DVD series "Surviving the Holidays" from Tuesday, Nov. 19 to Tuesday, Dec. 17. Group leader and members of the group meet for dinner at 5:30 p.m. at Subway, 1812 S. Wabash St., on Indiana 15. For more information, call 260-

563-8453, 877-350-1658 or group leader Janet Quillen at 260-571-5235; email office@ wabashfriends.org; or visit www.divorcecare.org.

'China and Wabash: Working Together Today' program planned

The Honeywell House welcomes Drs. Jim and Mary Ann Bain as they present "China and Wabash: Working Together Today," scheduled for 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 19 at 720 N. Wabash St. This event is free and open to the public. Reservations are encouraged, as seating is limited. Visit www.HoneywellHouse.org or call the Box Office at 260-563-1102.

Tree-lighting ceremony is Nov. 20 at Manchester University

Manchester University will host its annual tree-lighting ceremony on Wednesday, Nov. 20 in front of Petersime Chapel. The Manchester Junior High Choir will perform seasonal selections and carols at 6 p.m., with the lighting at 6:25 p.m. Santa Claus arrives at 6:30 p.m. There will be refreshments and photos with Santa inside Funderburg Library. This celebration is free and open to the public.

Common Ground Prayer Ministries plans Prayer Watch

From 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 20, Common Ground Prayer Ministries is planning a Prayer Watch Wednesday for Wabash Ministries. We are asking people to come in and pray for halfhour time slots in the prayer room. Focus this month is Friends In Service Here (FISH). You can contact anyone at the prayer room or Janet Shoue with FISH to let them know when you could come. At 10 a.m. every Tuesday, this is a Community Prayer, which is open to all. Contact any of our prayer captains with questions including Debbie Sweet at 260-571-6072, Shirley Neele at 260-591-0047 or

Angie Penix at 260-571-9809.

Banner contest awards and reception planned

The 16th Annual Wabash County Winter Banner Competition awards ceremony will take place at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 20 at the Honeywell Center's Ford Theater. A reception in the main lobby will follow.

Wabash Steel Supply to open new store

The official grand opening for the new retail store will take place from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 21, at its new location, 1945 S. Wabash St.

'Johnny Got His Gun' brings horror of war to Manchester

Manchester University will show the film at 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 21 in Cordier Auditorium, followed by a panel discussion.

Zay, Wolkins to host INDOT Indiana 24 project town hall

State Sen. Andy Zay, R-Huntington, will host a town hall meeting along with State Rep. Dave Wolkins, R-Warsaw, to discuss the update on the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) Indiana 24 project from 8 to 9 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 23, at the Honeywell Center's Honeywell Room, 275 W. Market St.

Annual Living Gift Market set for Nov. 23

Celebrate Christmas at Heifer International's 32nd Living Gift Market from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 23 at Timbercrest Senior Living, 2201 East St., North Manchester. For more information, email Jim Myer at jmyerwdw@yahoo.com.

Holidays to be welcomed with an annual open house

To mark the beginning of the

holiday season, the Honeywell House will host its annual Holiday Open House from 1 to 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 24, at 720 N. Wabash St.

'A Christmas Story' to be shown at the Honeywell Center

"A Christmas Story" will be shown at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 26 in the Honeywell Center's Ford Theater. The admission fee will be \$2 per person.

Winter Banner Competition artwork displayed

The students' artwork will hang in the Clark Gallery at the Honeywell Center through Sunday, Dec. 1.

'It's a Wonderful Life' to be shown at the Honeywell Center

"It's a Wonderful Life" will be shown at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 3 in the Honeywell Center's Ford Theater. The admission fee will be \$2 per person.

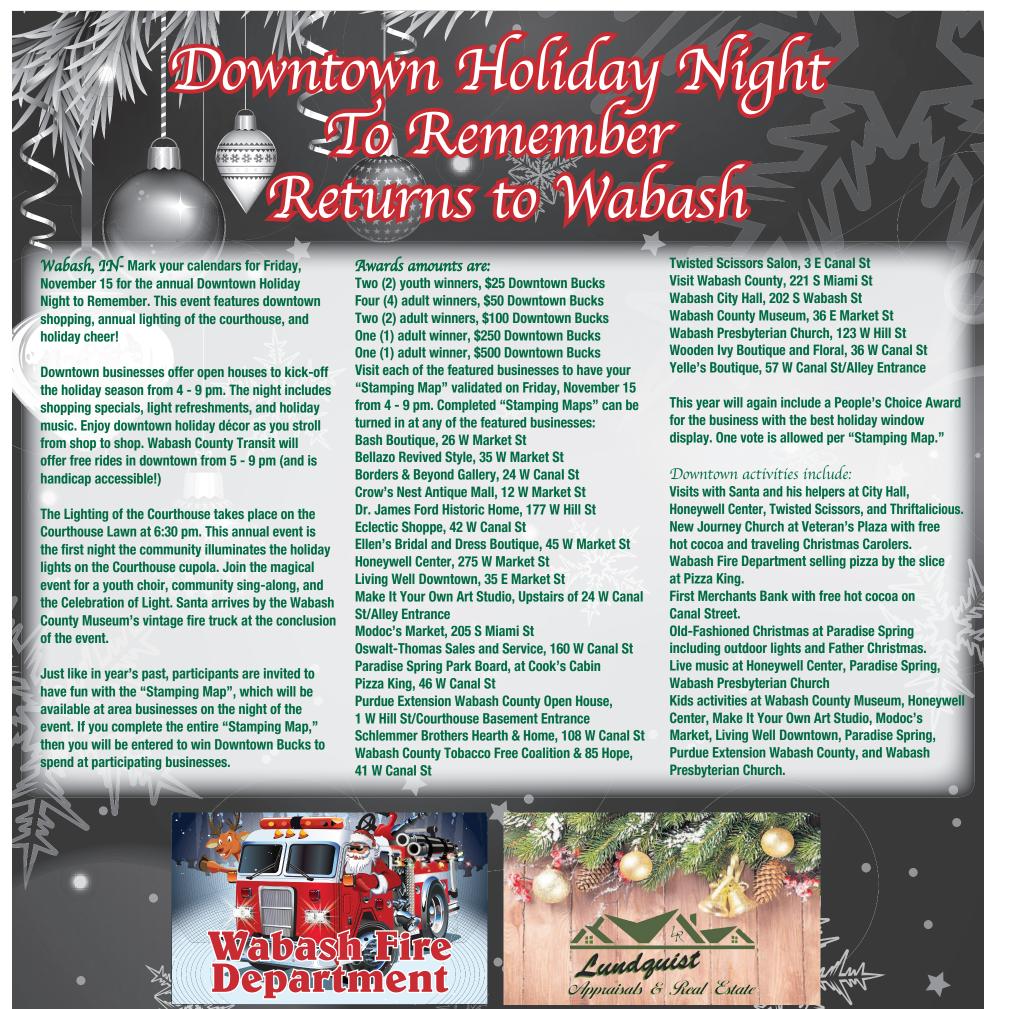
Woman's Clubhouse plans evening Christmas dinner

Don't forget the Christmas evening dinner Thursday, Dec. 5. It is the annual holiday fundraiser with a very special dinner and entertainment. The house will be decorated in an angel theme this year. Contact Carol McDonald by phone at 260-563-2331 or Mary Delauter at 260-563-6613 for more information.

Museum to host Family Fun Night

The Wabash County Historical Museum, 36 E. Market St., will host a Family Fun Night on Friday, Dec. 6, featuring a visit from Santa Claus.

Editor's note: If you have an upcoming event to submit, please send it by email to news@wabashplaindealer.com no later than five days before the event itself. Please use complete sentences, Associated Press style and Microsoft Word or PDF file formats.



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Sports

Squires earn first win of season

Manchester's girls' basketball team earned its first win of the season on the road on Tuesday, downing Cass 56-26. Mackenzie Day had 12 points and five rebounds and Beletu Stout had 11 in the victory.

Woman says Denver arena guard told her to remove hijab

DENVER (AP) - A Muslim civil rights group is protesting after a Colorado arena security guard told a woman to remove her hijab before she could enter to see her 8-year-old daughter sing the national anthem with her school choir at a Denver Nuggets basketball game.

Gazella Bensreiti (ben-SRAY-tee) said Wednesday that the guard told her to "take that thing off of my head" at the Pepsi Center box office on Nov.

Bensreiti said she explained the scarf was for religious purposes. She said the guard replied that she didn't care.

After speaking with a supervisor, the guard ushered her inside.

The Council on American-Islamic Relations protested the incident.

Arena owner Kroenke Sports & Entertainment called the encounter a misunderstanding and said the guard didn't recognize that Bensreiti was wearing a hijab.

Piazza to manage Italian national team

NEW YORK (AP) - Hall of Fame catcher Mike Piazza says he has agreed to become manager of Italy's national baseball

The 51-year-old Piazza, who was born in Norristown, Pennsylvania, is of Italian ancestry. He tweeted Wednesday he will manage Italy at a European tournament in 2020 and at the 2021 World Baseball Classic.

Piazza was Italy's hitting coach at the 2009 and 2013 WBC tournaments.

In 2016, he bought control of the third-tier soccer club Reggiana, which dropped out of Serie C after the 2017-18 season.

Submit your news

The Plain Dealer is accepting all news, varsity, junior varsity, middle school, elementary school and non-school affiliated recreational sports. To get a brief in the newspaper, please provide final score and any highlights pertaining to the event, including first and last names of participants. Reports must be received by 3:00 p.m. to make it in the following day's edition. Items may be:

E-mailed to sports@ wabashplaindealer.com. Called into 260-225-4523

after 11 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. Please do not leave complete results on voice Mailed into Plain

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HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL



VOLLEYBALL: Northfield's Abby Hunter sets the ball to waiting teammates during the Norse's game against Maconaquah earlier this season.

Five county athletes earn All-TRC honors

STAFF REPORTS

A pair of Norse and Apaches each earned Three Rivers Conference (TRC) All-Conference honors on the volleyball court this fall. Addi Baker and Abby Hunter of Northfield and Mariah Wyatt and Alivia Short of Wabash earned a spot on the All-TRC team as did Southwood's Marissa Metzger.

The quintet is joined on the All-Conference team by Maconaquah's Emily Bowyer, Lilly Maple and Averi Miller, Peru's Court- led the conference in digs

Alivia Reagle and Christina Towne, Tippecanoe Valley's Hannah Engstrand and Makenzie Woodcox and Whitko's Morgan Howard.

Woodcox led the TRC in kills this year with 479 on the year while Baker was second with 379. Wyatt finished fifth and short sixth in kills at 314 and 272 kills, respectively.

Wyatt finished second in the conference in blocks and Short fifth on the year as two of the top players in the front line defensively while Faust was fourth in the league in digs with 463.

Each of the top three setters earned spots on the All-Conference team this fall. Engstrand led the conference in assists with 876, Miller was second with 760 and Hunter was third with

Earning Honorable Mention from Wabash County were Manchester's Ali Sites and Kendra Kline, Northfield's Kenzie Baer, Southwood's Erin McGouldrick and Wabash's Haylie Faust and Jordan Stumbo. Roundlynn Crowe, Rochester's with 725 on the year. Baker ing out the Honorable Men-

tions were Taylor Roesler of Maconaguah, Maryann Freeman and Arianis Rodriguez of North Miami, Cate Wolfe of Peru, Kaitlin Rogers of Rochester, Amy Baca and Delaney Wagoner of Tippecanoe Valley and Haley Howard of Whitko.

The Braves won the conference title this season with an unbeaten 9-0 record on the year. Northfield was second with the team's lone TRC loss coming to Maconaquah. Rochester was third, Tippecanoe Valley fourth and Southwood fifth in the conference.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Evansville stuns top ranked Kentucky at Rupp Arena, 67-64

BY GARY B. GRAVES

LEXINGTON, Ky. Evansville showed no fear either of Kentucky or venerable Rupp Arena, where the Wildcats had been perfect at ruining visitors' dreams of pulling off the seemingly impossible.

Until Tuesday night.

Not only did the Purple Aces deal No. 1 Kentucky a stunning 67-64 upset, they beat the bigger, stronger Wildcats at their own game. When it was over, players, coaches and their fans whooped it up in a corner of the famed court, making sure they savored every bit of a momentous victory. "To be here is a dream

come true," Evansville sophomore forward DeAndre Williams said. "We took

advantage and we made his-Sam Cunliffe scored 17 points, including two free

throws with 6.8 seconds re-

maining to silence Kentucky

(2-1) and a crowd of 19,101

- most of whom had ex- team. pected a routine nonconference win from the Wildcats, who were 25-point favorites and had earned the top ranking a day earlier.

Those expectations never materialized as Evansville (2-0) controlled the younger Wildcats on both ends of the K.J. Riley added 18 points

as the Purple Aces coached by Walter McCarty, who won a national title with Kentucky in 1996 pulled off the biggest upset in program history with their first win over a No. 1 team in three tries.

Evansville led much of the game and answered each Kentucky rally with clutch baskets to grab the lead and then maintain it for the season's biggest upset.

Kentucky had been 39-0 at home against unranked, nonconference opponents when ranked No. 1 in The Associ-

ated Press poll. Evansville,

meanwhile, got its first-ever

road win over an AP-ranked

"Walter and their team deserved to win," Kentucky coach John Calipari said. "If we would have somehow pulled it out, it would have been, kind of wouldn't even have been fair because they fought us the whole game and they were the tougher

"They executed, they made shots and 3s and free throws. My hat's off to them. It's hard to do that in this building, but they were more ready to play. He had his team better prepared than I had my team."

Tyrese Maxey's layup with 8 seconds remaining got Kentucky within 65-64, but Cunliffe stepped to the line and calmly made both ends of the 1-and-1 as his teammates locked arms on the bench. The Purple Aces raised their hands and ran around a silent Rupp Arena

after the final horn as the Wildcats slowly walked off.

Immanuel Quickley led

Kentucky with 16 points,

and Maxey scored 15.

Cunliffe, a redshirt junior guard who played at Arizona State and Kansas, did most of his damage with 15 firsthalf points off the bench.

"It's amazing. You come to a school like this and you talk about doing things like this and making history and playing in front of these bright lights," Cuncliffe said. "We prepared the right way. We had our mind set in the right spot that we could actually do it. It is surreal."

Evansville won just 11 games last season, its first under McCarty, who played in the NBA for 10 years and was an assistant at Louisville under Rick Pitino - his coach at Kentucky — and in the NBA before returning to his hometown to coach the Purple Aces.

Evansville made nine of 30 3-point attempts while shooting 38% from the field to Kentucky's 37%. The Aces also outrebounded the

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MLB

MLB checking into report '17 Astros stole signs, broke rules

BY DAVID BRANDT

SCOTTSDALE. Ariz. - Major League Baseball has expanded its investigation into the Houston Astros after The Athletic website reported the team stole signs during home games in 2017 by using a camera positioned in center field.

The report Tuesday quoted pitcher Mike Fiers, who played for the Astros that season, and three other unidentified people with the club. The Astros won the World Series that year - two sources told The Athletic that Houston used the system into the playoffs while another source said the system ended before the postsea-

The website said the process was started by a struggling hitter and a coach, neither of whom was identified. The camera at Minute Maid Park was connected to a television monitor in the tunnel between the Astros' dugout and clubhouse, The Athletic said, and team employees or players would communicate expected pitches by banging a trash can to signal offspeed pitches.

"I just want the game to be cleaned up a little bit because there are guys who are losing their jobs because they're going in there not knowing," Fiers told the website.

The Astros said in a statement the team "has begun an investigation in cooperation with Major League Baseball" and declined additional com-

Houston general manager Jeff Luhnow declined to talk about specifics.

"We take the allegation seriously and we're going to look into it. If you're not following the rules, it's a serious matter," he said Tuesday at the annual GM meetings. "I'm not going to get into exactly what I knew or anybody knew at this point. So I'm just going to have to wait and see. But I'm sure there will be an appropriate time to answer that question directly."

Luhnow said he hoped the allegations wouldn't put a damper on Houston's recent run of success, which includes the team's first World Series title in 2017 and an AL pennant this season.

"Teams are competing with one another and everybody's trying to find an edge," Luhnow said. "But we all have to follow the rules and the rules are set by Major League Baseball. We all agree to follow them and if you don't there's ramifications to that. We want to follow the rules and we want to compete and win. That's what every other club does, as well." Danny Farquhar, who

pitched for the Chicago White Sox twice at Minute Maid Park in September 2017, told The Athletic of "a banging from the dugout, almost like a bat hitting the bat rack every time a changeup signal got put down." He said after Chicago changed to more complex signals "the banging stopped."

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CALENDAR

COLLEGE BASKETBALL (MEN'S) 6:30 p.m. FS1: Penn State at Georgetown **ESPN2:** Towson at Florida

SEC: Louisiana (Monroe) at Mississippi 8:30 p.m.

FS1: Michigan State at Seton Hall **COLLEGE FOOTBALL**

CBSSN: Buffalo at Kent State 8 p.m. **ESPN:** North Carolina at Pittsburgh

COLLEGE HOCKEY (MEN'S) 6:30 p.m.

BTN: Michigan State at Michigan **COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL (WOMEN'S)**

BTN: Wisconsin at Minnesota **GOLF** 1 p.m.

GOLF: PGA Tour: The Mayakoba Classic, first round, Playa del Carmen, Mexico 3 a.m. (Friday)

GOLF: EPGA Tour: The Nedbank Golf Challenge, second round, Sun City, South Africa

MLB BASEBALL 6 p.m. MLB: BBWAA MLB Awards **NBA BASKETBALL** 8 p.m. TNT: Dallas at New York

TNT: Brooklyn at Denver **NFL FOOTBALL** 8:20 p.m. FOX: Pittsburgh at Cleveland NFL: Pittsburgh at Cleveland SOCCER (MEN'S) 11:50 a.m.

ESPN2: UEFA Euro 2020: Turkey vs. Iceland, Group H, Qualifying, Istanbul

FS2: FIFA U-17 World Cup: Mexico vs. Netherlands, Semifinal, Brasília,

Brazil 2:30 p.m. ESPNEWS: UEFA Euro 2020: Kosovo vs.

Czech Republic, Qualifying, Pilsen, Czech

TENNIS: ATP: World Tour Finals, Doubles Round Robin, London

Round Robin, London

Round Robin, London

TENNIS: USTA: Men's Pro Circuit, Early

SCOREBOARD

Monday's Games Minnesota 120, Detroit 114 Boston 116, Dallas 106

Memphis 113, San Antonio 109 Houston 122, New Orleans 116 L.A. Clippers 98, Toronto 88

Utah 122, Golden State 108
Tuesday's Games
Indiana 111, Oklahoma City 85

Philadelphia 98, Cleveland 97

Miami 117, Detroit 108 Chicago 120, New York 102

Atlanta 125, Denver 121 L.A. Lakers 123, Phoenix 115 Utah 119, Brooklyn 114

Philadelphia at Orlando L.A. Clippers at Houston Washington at Boston

San Antonio at Minnesota Golden State at L.A. Lakers Toronto at Portland

Dallas at New York, 8 p.m.

Thursday's Games Miami at Cleveland, 6 p.m. Chicago at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.

L.A. Clippers at New Orleans, 8 p.m. Atlanta at Phoenix, 9 p.m.

Brooklyn at Denver, 10:30 p.m.

Friday's Games
Detroit at Charlotte, 7 p.m.

San Antonio at Orlando, 7 p.m. Indiana at Houston, 8 p.m.

Philadelphia at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m. Utah at Memphis, 8 p.m.
Washington at Minnesota, 8 p.m.

Boston at Golden State, 10:30 p.m. Sacramento at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

Saturday's Games
Brooklyn at Chicago, 6 p.m.
Milwaukee at Indiana, 7 p.m.

Houston at Minnesota, 8 p.m.

Toronto at Dallas, 8:30 p.m. Atlanta at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

OKLAHOMA CITY (85)

Totals 46-94 12-13 111.

New Orleans at Miami, 8 p.m. Portland at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.

Tuesday's game

PACERS 111, THUNDER 85

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2, Burton 5-12 0-0 13. Totals 29-81 21-24

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7-23 (Brogdon 2-4, A.Holiday 2-5, Sampson 1-1, Warren 1-2, McDermott 1-6, Mitrou-Long 0-1, J.Holiday 0-4). Fouled Out-None.

Rebounds-Oklahoma City 40 (Gilgeous-Alexander, Bazley 6), Indiana 49 (Sabonis 16). Assists-Oklahoma City 19 (Paul 8), Indiana 21

(Brogdon 5). Total Fouls-Oklahoma City 16, Indiana 20. A-15,838 (20,000).

NHL

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Wednesday's Games
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All Games

Saturday's games UMass at Northwestern, Noon Indiana at Penn St., Noon Michigan St. at Michigan, Noon Wisconsin at Nebraska, 3:30 p.m. Ohio St. at Rutgers, 3:30 p.m. Minnesota at Iowa, 4 p.m.

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Thursday's Games
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Sunday's Games Baltimore 49, Cincinnati 13 Chicago 20, Detroit 13 Atlanta 26, New Orleans 9 Tennessee 35, Kansas City 32 N.Y. Jets 34, N.Y. Giants 27 Cleveland 19, Buffalo 16 Tampa Bay 30, Arizona 27 Miami 16, Indianapolis 12 Green Bay 24, Carolina 16 Pittsburgh 17, L.A. Rams 12

Minnesota 28, Dallas 24 Open: Washington, Jacksonville, New England, Denver, Philadelphia, Houston Monday's Game: Seattle 27, San Francisco 24, 01 Thursday, Nov. 14

Pittsburgh at Cleveland, 8:20 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 17 Dallas at Detroit, 1 p.m. N.Y. Jets at Washington, 1 p.m. New Orleans at Tampa Bay, 1 p.m. Denver at Minnesota, 1 p.m Houston at Baltimore, 1 p.m. Buffalo at Miami, 1 p.m. Jacksonville at Indianapolis, 1 p.m. Atlanta at Carolina, 1 p.m. Arizona at San Francisco, 4:05 p.m. New England at Philadelphia, 4:25 p.m Cincinnati at Oakland, 4:25 p.m.

Washington N.Y. Islanders Chicago at L.A. Rams, 8:20 p.m. Philadelphia Pittsburgh Carolina

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Arizona 4. Washington 3. SO

Tuesday's Games
Florida 5, Boston 4, SO
Montreal 3, Columbus 2, SO

N.Y. Rangers 3, Pittsburgh 2, OT Colorado 4, Winnipeg 0 Arizona 3, St. Louis 2, SO

5:50 p.m FS2: FIFA U-17 World Cup: France vs. Brazil, Semifinal, Brasília, Brazil **TENNIS** 7 a.m. 9 a.m. **TENNIS:** ATP: World Tour Finals, Singles TENNIS: ATP: World Tour Finals, Doubles 3 p.m. ESPN2: ATP: World Tour Finals, Round Robin, London Rounds, Champaign, III.

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Washington at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.
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Chicago at Vegas, 10 p.m. GB Pct L.A. Clippers Phoenix .600 COLLEGE BASKETBALL Sacramento Golden State

Tuesday's games

EVANSVILLE 67, NO. 1 KENTUCKY 64

EVANSVILLE (2-0)Williams 4-9 1-1 9, Hall 1-5 0-0 3, Riley 4-8 8-8 18, Newton 1-2 0-0 3, Frederking 3-9 0-0 8, Kuhlman 0-3 0-0 0, Straub 0-0 0-0 0, Givance 1-2 0-0 3, Labinowicz 3-9 0-0 6, Cunliffe 6-13 3-4 17, Henderson 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 23-60 12-13 67.

KENTUCKY (2-1)
Sestina 2-4 5-5 9, Whitney 1-3 3-6 6, Richards 2-6 2-2 6, Quickley 5-12 5-5 16, Hagans 1-8 1-2 3, Brooks 3-8 0-0 6, Juzang 1-1 0-0 3, Maxey 5-12 4-5 15. Totals 20-54

Halftime-Evansville 34-30. 3-Point Goalsrantille-Evalishille 34-30. 3-Fullit odals-Evansville 9-30 (Riley 2-2, Cunliffe 2-7, Frederking 2-7, Newton 1-1, Givance 1-1, Hall 1-4, Williams 0-4, Labinowicz 0-4), Kentucky 4-17 (Juzang 1-1, Whitney 1-3, Quickley 1-4, Maxey 1-4, Brooks 0-1, Sestina 0-1, Hagans 0-3). Fouled Out-None. Rebounds-Evansville 32 (Givance, Cunliffe 6), Kontucky 24 (Ouisekley). Assists Expansible Kentucky 34 (Quickley 9). Assists-Evansville 10 (Williams, Givance 3), Kentucky 6 (Hagans 3). Total Fouls-Evansville 18, Kentucky 18. A-19,101 (23,500).

INDIANA 91, North Alabama 65

NORTH ALABAMA (1-2) James 2-8 0-0 4, Youngblood 2-5 1-3 6, Littles 0-1 2-3 2, Blackmon 5-8 5-7 19, Brim 2-6 6-6 11, J.Anderson 3-6 0-0 6, Windeler 0-0 0-0 0, Diggs 1-4 0-0 2, King 0-1 4-6 4, Agnew 4-5 2-2 11, Matic 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 19-44 20-27 65.

INDIANA (3-0) Jackson-Davis 3-4 14-15 20, Brunk 2-2 2-3 6. Smith 0-2 3-4 3. Franklin 1-5 2-2 Durham 3-7 3-3 11, Hunter 4-9 3-4 2, Thompson 1-2 3-4 5, Davis 1-2 4-6 6, Totals 23-46 37-45 91

Halftime-Indiana 47-40. 3-Point Goals-North Alabama 7-14 (Blackmon 4-5, Brim 1-1, Agnew 1-2, Youngblood 1-4, J.Anderson 0-2), Indiana 8-21 (D.Anderson 2-3, Phinisee 2-4, Durham 2-6, Franklin 1-3, Hunter 1-4 Smith 0-1). Fouled Out-James, Littles, Agnew Rebounds-North Alabama 21 (Littles 5) Indiana 27 (Jackson-Davis 8). Assists-North Alabama 7 (James, Blackmon 2), Indiana 12 (Phinisee 6). Total Fouls-North Alabama 31, Indiana 23, A-17,222 (17,222).

NOTRE DAME 79, HOWARD 50

HOWARD (0-3) Cousins 1-5 0-0 2, Toure 4-11 0-0 9, Robinson 1-6 0-0 3, Foster 2-8 0-0 6, Williams 2-9 2-5 7, Barber 1-2 0-0 2, Anosike 0-0 0-0 0. Lee 0-1 0-0 0. Richardson 0-0 0, Bethea 1-4 0-0 2, Garvey 2-5 0-0 5. Totals NOTRE DAME (2-1)

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4-9 0-0 9, Doherty 1-1 0-0 2, Laszewski 3-7
0-1 7, Morgan 0-0 0-0 0, Djogo 0-0 0-0 0,
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TRANSACTIONS **BASEBALL**

BALTIMORE ORIOLES — Released RHP Aaron

Huckaby manager of Buffalo (IL). National League
COLORADO ROCKIES — Signed SS Eric
Stamets to a minor league contract.

FOOTBALL National Football League ARIZONA CARDINALS — Placed DL Zach Allen on IR. Signed DL Miles Brown from the practice squad and LB Vontarrius Dora, CB Soiourn Shelton and OL Ian Silberman to the

practice squad. ATLANTA FALCONS — Signed RB Craig REVINIA FACTORS — Signed No Carly Reynolds to the practice squad.

BALTIMORE RAVENS — Placed DT Daylon Mack on IR. Signed DT Domata Peko.

CAROLINA PANTHERS — Released WR Quadree Henderson from the practice squad.

Signed WR Greg Dortch to the practice squad.

CHICAGO BEARS — Signed LB James Vaughters to the practice squad. CINCINNATI BENGALS — Waived LB Preston CLEVELAND BROWNS — Waived LB Malik

Jefferson. Signed DE Bryan Cox.
DENVER BRONCOS — Signed LB Malik Carney and S Tyvis Powell to the practice INDIANAPOLIS COLTS — Placed RB Bruce

Anderson III on the practice squad IR. Signed OT Gerhard de Beer and RB Darius Jackson to the practice squad.

LOS ANGELES RAMS — Placed C Brian Allen and LB Bryce Hager on IR. Signed OT

Chandler Brewer and DB Donte Deayon from practice squad. SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS — Placed DL Ronald

TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS — Signed CB Mazzi Wilkins from the practice squad and CB John Franklin to the practice squad.

TENNESSEE TITANS — Signed FB/RB Khari Blasingame from Minnesota's practice squad. HOCKEY National Hockey League
BUFFALO SABRES — Recalled F Curtis Lazar from Rochester (AHL).

MLB

Success of Nats, Astros puts attention on starters

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. Washington went against baseball's trend toward bulked-up bullpens, dedicating 39% of its payroll to three starting pitchers: Max Scherzer, Stephen Strasburg and Patrick Corbin. The trio triumphed, lifting the Nationals to the first World Series title in the team's 51-season history.

Houston came within one win of its second championship in three seasons, led by Cole, Justin Verlander and Zack Greinke.

In a sport of copycats, will rotation arms regain prominence throughout the major

"That's my favorite question of every GM meetings. It is the narrative of whoever won the World Series." Los Angeles Dodgers president of baseball operations Andrew Friedman said Tuesday. "I think as you look back at the World Series champions the last five, 10 years, they're all great teams and they all get there in slightly different ways."

Starting pitchers averaged 5.2 innings this year, the lowest since Baseball-Reference.com's figures began in 1925. The average ranged from 5.8 and 6.1 in every season from 1993 through 2015 but has dropped for five straight seasons.

The New York Mets and

lowed by Cleveland at 5.7 and Houston at 5.6.

"If people are copying something right," Nationals general manager Mike Rizzo said. "Starting pitching has been our philosophy. Hopefully we're going to continue to utilize that formula for continued suc-

the free-agent market along with Zack Wheeler, Madison Bumgarner, Hyun-Jin a rotation headed by Gerrit Ryu and Jake Odorizzi. Cole, a 29-year-old rightthe past two seasons, is expected to get a record contract for a pitcher, topping David Price's \$217 million, and Verlander's \$31.33 milthree-year deal with the Astros that started in 2019.

Astros general manager way billionaires covet luxury yachts.

"They're difficult to acmany of them around," he

Washington Strasburg with the top pick that. And so we have to and kept him with a \$175 million, seven-year deal longer than we would norwith four seasons and \$100 Washington led with an av- million remaining. Scher- team?"

erage of 5.8 this year, fol-zer signed a \$210 million, seven-year agreement as a free agent before the 2015 season and Corbin reached us, then we must be doing a \$140 million six-year deal on the open market last De-

Houston went a different route, acquiring its aces in trades and eschewing longterm contracts for pitchers. Verlander was obtained from Detroit on Aug. 31, Cole and Strasburg are on 2017, for three prospects and agreed last March to a deal adding \$66 million and two years through 2021.

Cole was landed from Pittsburgh in January 2018 hander who is 35-10 over for four players and had two years of club control that cost the Astros \$20.25 million. Greinke arrived from Arizona at this year's seven-year deal with Bos- July 31 trade deadline for ton before the 2016 season a quartet of prospects and will cost Houston roughly lion average salary under a \$50 million for 2 1/3 sea-

"In general, the more flexibility we leave ourselves Jeff Luhnow described elite in the future, the better off starting pitchers in the same we're going to be as an organization," Luhnow said. That being said, there are certain players that can't quire. They're expensive to be acquired on short-term keep. And there's not that deals. We were fortunate that Justin was willing to consider a short-term deal. selected But not everybody can do in the 2009 amateur draft make a decision at some point are we willing to go he opted out of this month mally go in order to have a certain talent on our

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Texas player Jalen Green apologizes for targeting hit

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — of No. 22 Texas' game this or how I play," Green said Texas defensive back Jalen week at Iowa State. Green apologized Wednesday for an illegal hit on Klieman said that Gill may Wykeen Gill last week.

Green leveled Gill with a helmet-to-helmet hit near the Kansas State sideline in the fourth quarter of Texas' 27-24 victory. Gill was and Green was ejected.

No penalty flag was thrown but Gill stayed down and officials reviewed the play before ejecting Green for targeting. Green will

Kansas State coach Chris Texas.

Kansas State wide receiver not play for the Wildcats away from the play on the was fair that Green would game.

"First and foremost, I knocked out of the game want to apologize to Wyfor the hit and targeting that had worked several penalty that I received during Saturday's game. I did have to miss the first half not how we're coached when Green hit him.

in a statement released by

The contact came well this week against West Vir- field. Wildcats quarterback ginia, and he didn't think it Skylar Thompson handed the ball to running back only miss one half of a Jordan Brown who ran into the middle of the line for no gain.

Green said he was trying keen Gill and Kansas State to break up a screen play times against Texas. Gill had caught a screen for 13 not try to hurt him, and I yards five play earlier but would never do that. It's was nowhere near the ball

EVANSVILLE

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Wildcats 38-35 and were edged by just 30-28 in points in the paint.

"We started off saying, OK, we're going to punch them in the mouth and not let them punch us in the mouth first," Williams said. "Once we started getting stops, they started turning the ball over, things like that. We saw that and we took advantage."

BIG PICTURE

Evansville: The Purple Aces stuck to their game plan, shooting from deep and outrunning the Wildcats. They trailed just once in the second half and dictated the tempo most of the to play hard for 40 minutes. komo on Thursday.

night.

"We just believed and trusted each other and made plays for each other. Guys came out and gave their all. They've got a good basketball team. Kentucky's going to be a really good team, going to be around at the end of it," McCarty said. "We played a heck of a game tonight."

Kentucky: Missed shots and turnovers forced the Wildcats to play from behind. Even after they managed to tie and take a brief lead, they were beaten to loose balls and could never get over the hump. "They played with en-

ergy for 40 minutes," Kentucky forward Nate Sestina said. "They had guys who wanted to win and wanted

If a guy got tired, they were able to sub somebody else

TIME MANAGEMENT

Evansville spent 29:34 in front, while Kentucky led for just 5:44.

POLL IMPLICATIONS

A week earlier, it was 2 then-No. Kentucky knocking off the top-ranked team, outlasting Michigan State at Madison Square Garden in the season opener for both squads. It's the first time in AP poll history that two No. 1 teams have lost in November, and the Wildcats' stay at the top of the poll will end next week.

UP NEXT

Evansville hosts IU Ko-

ASTRO

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Former Boston Red Sox pitcher Carson Smith added to the sign stealing allegations on Twitter, saying that the Astros bullpen catcher would send signs to certain batters. He added that the "Astros went to extreme measures, undoubtedly still do, and it's paid off for them." MLB strengthened its

rules against sign stealing before the 2019 season, instituting procedures attempting to ensure teams did not use video to steal signs.

"After we review this new information we will determine any necessary next steps," MLB said in a statement.

president of baseball operations Andrew Friedman said Wednesday there was "scuttlebutt" that the Astros were stealing signs during the 2017 World Series, but "we certainly did not know anything definitive at the time." The Dodgers lost to the Astros in seven games. "There are things that have kind of existed since

the beginning of time. And then there are other things that are even more egregious and clearly across the line," he said. "And I think there are enough people involved in it, it would be pretty brazen to do certain things. And when you do, I think people are going to find out about it."

MLB already is investi-

Los Angeles Dodgers Taubman was fired for directing inappropriate comments at female reporters during a clubhouse celebration after the team beat the New York Yankees to win the AL pennant on Oct. 19. The team issued and then retracted a statement accusing a Sports Illustrated reporter of trying to "fabricate a story." Taubman was fired by the Astros on Oct. 24. Luhnow said he didn't

think the Taubman situation and the sign stealing allegations are related. "I don't think they're tied

together, but they obviously have come one after another it seems like the last few weeks," Luhnow said. "It's disappointing. If there is an issue that we need gating the Astros. Assistant to address, we'll address general manager Brandon it.'

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

IU uses free throws to pull away from N. Alabama

BY MICHAEL MAROT AP Sports Writer

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. Indiana Hoosiers coach Archie Miller wanted Trayce Jackson-Davis to be more aggressive offensively and defensively.

He responded just the way Miller had hoped.

The highly-touted freshman scored a season-high 20 points, grabbed eight rebounds, blocked three shots and made 14 of 15 free throws Tuesday, leading the Hoosiers past North Alabama tainly won't complain.

since 10th grade — he's going to get fouled a lot," Miller said. "He's left-handed, kind of awkward, can draw fouls Hunter scored a season-high in different ways and he's al- 12 points.

ways done that. Fourteen of 15 from the line, that's big."

Actually, it was crucial. A year ago, Indiana shot 65.5% from the line. On Tuesday, the Hoosiers were 37 of 45 from — largely because of Jackson-Davis and his revamped motion.

"Coach and I really just put an emphasis on not starting it down low and putting it up," Jackson-Davis said, describing the form. "It's worked pretty well for me." Unbeaten Indiana (3-0) cer-

And Jackson-Davis "I've been telling him this plenty of help, too. Rob Phinisee finished with 13 points and six assists and redshirt freshman Jerome

But the second-year Division I program sure didn't make it easy on the Hoosiers.

Jamari Blackmon made his first four 3-pointers and North Alabama stayed close throughout the first half despite committing 10 turnovers, drawing 17 fouls and having five shots blocked.

Indiana finally broke away with a 10-1 run late in the first half to take a 41-31 lead and was still clinging to a 50-43 edge 2½ minutes into the second half.

Jackson-Davis answered with eight straight points to start a 15-2 spurt and the Lions (1-2) never recovered.

Blackmon scored 19 points while C.J. Brim and Christian Agnew each had 11 to lead North Alabama.

a little bit with the physicality down low and unfortunately shots weren't going down," coach Tony Pujol said. "I think what we struggled with was defending without fouling. When you send a team to the line 45 times, it's pretty hard to win that game.'

STAT SHEET

North Alabama: The Lions were called for 32 fouls, including a technical for flopping, and wound up with 22 turnovers. ... Midway through the second half, North Alabama had as many turnovers as rebounds (19). ... Two players fouled out and two more finished with four fouls. ... The Lions started 7 of 10 on 3s but

arc in the second half.

scored 11 points and Damezi Anderson had 10. ... Justin Smith had three points and two rebounds in 19½ minutes. ... Jackson-Davis also drew eight fouls. ... Indiana's bench outscored North Alabama 46-23.

THE ROAR

Fans inside Assembly Hall cheered loudly as the Hoosiers started pulling away in the second half, saving their loudest applause for Jackson-Davis' spectacular alley-oop dunk from Ander-

The second loudest roar came when Evansville's victory over No. 1 Kentucky

"I think our guys struggled went 0 for 4 from beyond the was posted on the scoreboard. Indiana and Ken-Indiana: Al Durham tucky haven't played since 2016 but the rivalry lives on as evidenced by the students started chanting "Ev-ansville."

BIG PICTURE

Indiana: The Hoosiers remained poised as North Alabama refused to go away, then quietly put the game away with free throws and defense. Miller is one win away from his first 4-0 start since coming to Bloomington three years ago.

UP NEXT

The Hoosiers host Troy on Saturday for the first of four games in the Indiana Challenge.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Auburn at center of it all down the SEC stretch

BY RALPH D. RUSSO AP College Football Writer

Over the next three weeks, Auburn will be in the middle of the action even though the Tigers are outside the play-

No. 13 Auburn plays two top-five playoff contenders in No. 5 Georgia (No. 4 CFP) and No. 4 Alabama (No. 5 CFP) at home in November, and depending upon how the Tigers do their coach may or may not be in danger of losing his job.

If the ground on the Plains is shaky for Gus Malzahn, he could become the most accomplished coach in a job market that already includes vacancies at a recent national championship program (Florida State) and the Southeastern Conference school (Arkansas) in his home state.

First chance for the Tigers to play spoiler comes Saturday at Jordan-Hare Stadium against Georgia in the Deep South's oldest rivalry.

Meeting No. 116 will feature two quarterback in Georgia's Jake Fromm facing a freshman quarterback in Auburn's Bo Nix, who has had a bumpy ride this year.

Auburn-Georgia is one of a seasonhigh five games matching ranked 38-13. teams on the schedule.

The other one with major playoff implications is in the Big 12, where No. 12 Baylor tries to stay unbeaten against No. 10 Oklahoma.

The picks:

No. 1 LSU (minus 21) at Mississippi

Maybe a 'Bama hangover slows down the Tigers? Probably not ... LSU

No. 2 Ohio State (minus 521/2) at Rutgers

Since the Scarlet Knights joined the Big Ten, they have lost five games to the Buckeyes, average score 54-5 ... OHIO STATE 54-5.

Wake Forest (plus 341/2) at No. 3 Clemson

Demon Deacons have lost top receiver (Sage Surratt) and leading tackler (Justin Strnad) to injuries in the last month ... CLEMSON 49-21.

No. 4 Alabama (minus 191/2) at Mississippi State

Tide has won 11 straight against the Bulldogs ... ALABAMA 45-17, BEST

No. 5 Georgia (minus 2½) at No. 13 Auburn

Tigers beating Georgia could make the playoff race even more confusing if the Bulldogs go on to win the SEC championship; Auburn is good at making things complicated ... AU-BURN 24-20, UPSET SPECIAL.

Arizona (plus 27) at No. 6 Oregon

Wildcats have quietly collapsed after a four-game winning streak ... OR-EGON 45-17.

No. 7 Minnesota (plus 3) at No. 23 Iowa

Floyd of Rosedale is on the line; the Big Ten's most famous pig has resided tough defenses and a seasoned veteran in Iowa since 2015 ... MINNESOTA

UCLA (plus 21) at No. 8 Utah

Bruins have won three straight to get back into Pac-12 South race ... UTAH

No. 24 Indiana (plus 141/2) at No. 9 Penn State

cial game against Ohio State next bid ... BOISE STATE 38-7. week ... PENN STATE 35-17

No. 10 Oklahoma (minus 10) at No. 12 Baylor

four one-score victories in the Big 12, including two overtime games ... OKLAHOMA 38-31.

No. 11 Florida (minus 7) at Missouri

Mizzou should have QB Kelly Bryant (hamstring) back this week after getting shut out without him last week by Georgia ... FLORIDA 24-20.

Michigan State (plus 131/2) at No. 14 Michigan

Spartans come in on a four-game

losing streak; the Wolverines have not had a winning streak in the series since 2007 ... MICHIGAN 28-13.

No. 15 Wisconsin (minus 141/2) at Nebraska

Badgers have won six straight and seven of eight against the Cornhuskers since Nebraska joined the Big Ten ... WISCONSIN 38-17.

score a bunch and force it to play with urgency ... NOTRE DAME 28-23.

at South Florida

Bulls need two wins to become bowl eligible and it's not looking great for coach Charlie Strong with Cincinnati, Memphis and UCF still to play ... CINCINNATI 35-14.

No. 18 Memphis (minus 10) at Houston

Tigers have six runs of 60 yards or more, including four of at least 70 yards, most in FBS ... MEMPHIS 45-

New Mexico (plus 271/2)

Nittany Lions can still set up a cru- contenders in race for New Year's Six

at Iowa State

Bears have been escape artists with combined 11 points, including three by two or fewer ... IOWA STATE 35-31.

Cowboys RB Chuba Hubbard is leading the nation in rushing by 33 yards per game ... OKLAHOMA STATE 48-24.

Last week: 15-6 straight; 16-4

Season: 187-57 straight; 134-101-6 against the spread.

Upset specials: 3-8 (straight up). Best bets: 3-6-1 (against the spread).

NFL

Texans-Ravens could be first of many QB duels

BY SCHUYLER DIXON

This is the first of what could be many meetings between two dynamic young AFC quarterbacks when Deshaun Watson and the Houston Texans visit Lamar Jackson and the Baltimore Ravens on Sunday.

It might not even be the only one this season.

Watson was the 12th overall pick of the 2017 draft after leading Clemson to a national championship, Jackson the disappointed final choice of the first round a year later out of Louisville.

It took the Texans one game to commit to Watson as the starter when he was a rookie. The Ravens needed a little longer last year to decide Jackson was more than just the heir apparent to Joe Flacco, the 11-year starter who was benched in Week 11.

Watson and Jackson go into their meeting at the helm of division leaders, the Texans (6-3) in front in the AFC South and the Ravens (7-2) atop the AFC North. BALTIMORE, 31-30.

KNOCKOUT The AP prognostication

crew has been knocked out thanks to New Orleans' loss to Atlanta. If we were still in the game, our pick would be CAROLINA.

No. 13 Pittsburgh (plus 3) at No. 23 Cleveland

The Steelers have forced 26 turnovers, second to New England. The Browns are tied for fifth with the most turnovers. Look for the Pittsburgh defense to continue the team's recovery from a 1-4 start. UPSET SPECIAL: PITTSBURGH, 17-13

No. 26 Denver (plus 101/2) at No. 7 Minnesota

The Vikings are coming off perhaps their best win of the season at the Cowboys. But Broncos coach Vic Fangio gave the Minnesota offense fits twice last season as Chicago's defensive coordinator. MINNESOTA, 16-9

No. 27 Atlanta (plus 6) at No. 15 Carolina

Knowing Cam Newton is now out for at least the rest of the regular season with a foot injury, Kyle Allen threw for a career-high 307 yards in the snow in a loss at Green Bay. CAROLINA, 27-17

No. 11 Buffalo (minus 6) at No. 28 Miami

Ryan Fitzpatrick is doing his best to keep the Dolphins competitive (two straight wins), and he gets to face one of his seven former teams. BEST BET: BUF-FALO, 28-7

No. 21 Jacksonville (plus 31/2) at Indianapolis

Nick Foles will be the starter now that rookie Gardner Minshew has come back to earth a bit. This game has implications in the jumbled AFC wild-card race. If Jacoby Brissett returns from a knee injury, that should be enough for the Colts in a low-scoring game.

No. 6 New Orleans (minus

from Drew Brees and the Saints after the loss to the Falcons. A Tampa Bay defense that struggles to defend the pass could be the perfect antidote.

No. 29 N.Y. Jets (plus 1) at 31 Washington

Will the Jets defense give WASHINGTON, 21-20

No. 32 Cincinnati (plus 10)

OAKLAND, 28-14

3½) at No. 12 Philadelphia

NEW ENGLAND, 23-16

at No. 22 Detroit

No. 24 Arizona (plus 131/2) at San Francisco

more on the first three quarters of the first meeting just two weeks ago. That was before Kyler Murray brought the Cardinals back in a 28-25 loss, keyed by an 88-yard touchdown pass.

SAN FRANCISCO, 23-19

No. 19 Chicago (plus 81/2) at No. 14 LA Rams

CAGO, 20-17

vs. No. 20 LA Chargers at **Mexico City**

It's the second game back for Patrick Mahomes coming off his knee injury, and the Chiefs are suddenly threatened by Oakland in the AFC West.

that desperation won't be enough. KANSAS CITY, 28-23

MLB

Shildt wins NL Manager of the

began his life in baseball at his mom's side, tagging along with her to work at a Double-A ballpark and picking up odd jobs around the clubhouse.

When Shildt was recognized Tuesday night for the career that has followed, the late Lib Shildt was the first thing on his mind. "My mom was remarkable," he said.

Less than a week after his mother died, Shildt was honored for piloting the St. Louis Cardinals back into the playoffs, narrowly beating Craig Counsell of the Milwaukee Brewers to win NL Manager of the Year. Shildt earned the award in his first

Counsell received more first-place votes (13-10) from the Baseball Writers' Association of America. Minnesota Twins manager Rocco Baldelli won the AL prize in a tight

full season on the job, even though

York Yankees. Both received 13 first-place votes, but Baldelli got more second-place nods (13-9). The 38-year-old is the

finish over Aaron Boone of the New

youngest to win the award.

first manager of the year who never played pro ball, but he's been around the game since he was a child. His mom worked as an administrative assistant for the Charlotte O's in the Baltimore Orioles' system, and Shildt was

she and my dad invested in me," Shildt Hospitalized for her final days, Shildt's mother repeatedly told her

nurses how important it was that she live until Tuesday to find out if her son "She was emotional about knowing

it was likely she wasn't going to be here," Shildt said. "I said, 'You know what? You're going to know before I

Shildt replaced Mike Matheny as Cardinals manager during the 2018

NEW YORK (AP) — Mike Shildt been chosen. The 51-year-old is the 91 games and the NL Central crown this year, ending the franchise's threeyear postseason drought. The Cardinals gave Shildt a contract extension through the 2022 season.

> after winning the award last year. The Dodgers' Dave Roberts was fourth and Nationals manager Dave Martinez came in fifth.

> a World Series championship, but voting for the award concluded before the postseason began. Baldelli and Shildt are the eighth and

> Baldelli took over a team that won 101 victories and an AL Central title. He worked tightly with Minnesota's analytics-focused front office – a shift from predecessor Paul Molitor, who won the award in 2017 – and oversaw a turnaround powered by the team's

No. 21 Navy (plus 7) at No. 16 Notre Dame Interesting test for the Irish offense; best way to beat the triple-option is to

No. 17 Cincinnati (minus 14)

at No. 19 Boise State Broncos try to keep pressure on AAC

No. 22 Texas (plus 61/2)

Cyclones have lost four games by a

Kansas (plus 171/2)

at No. 25 Oklahoma State

against the spread.

Year days after mom's death

a regular in the clubhouse. "Appreciative of the time and love

"It still hasn't sunk in in total and I don't know if it ever will, ultimately, what that loss is going to feel like," he

season, and under his steady guidance, St. Louis has been among base-Shildt teared up upon learning he'd ball's best teams since. The club won major league-record 307 home runs.

"I set my sights on being the best coach I could be just like being the

best player I could be, and the journey

has led me here," Shildt said. Atlanta's Brian Snitker finished third Washington turned a 19-31 start into

ninth managers to win this award in their first full seasons on the job.

78 games in 2018 and pushed them to INDIANAPOLIS, 14-12

31/2) at No. 25 Tampa Bay Expect a bounce-back

NEW ORLEANS, 31-13

up four touchdown passes to a rookie quarterback for the second week in a row? Probably not, since the Redskins didn't go with Dwayne Haskins as early as the Giants turned to Daniel Jones.

at No. 16 Oakland

The Raiders' last-place schedule delivers again with the winless Bengals. Expect the Raiders to take advantage again to continue an unexpected surge to playoff

contention.

No. 2 New England (minus

The first meeting of these teams since the Eagles won the 2018 Super Bowl is also the Patriots' return from their open week following their first loss, to Baltimore.

No. 10 Dallas (off)

Ezekiel Elliott faces one of the NFL's worst run defenses a week after getting bottled up by the Vikings. The Cowboys need to bounce back against another NFC North opponent, otherwise the outlook gets dim for a team that started the season with high expectations. The Lions might be without Matthew Stafford again.

This line must be based

DALLAS, 30-18

The Bears beat the Rams when Sean McVay's team was healthy last year in Chicago. So it stands to reason that Chicago can do it again with LA lacking rhythm and fighting injuries offensively. UPSET SPECIAL: CHI-

No. 9 Kansas City (minus 4)

This could be the last chance for the Chargers to stay in the division race, but

Family enjoys motherin-law just fine from a distance

DEAR ABBY: My motherin-law is contemplating a move to the small Southern town my husband and I have called home for more than 10 years.

She's a vibrant, well- **Dear** to-do South- Abby ern lady with many friends and family in the big city where she has lived her entire life. The



problem is, I really don't want her to live near us. We have five children whom she constantly tries to tell me how to raise, and I'm not sure she even likes the children.

I don't know why she wants to make this drastic move because she ridiculed us when we relocated. For that matter, she ridicules us about everything we do. (We are relatively normal, boring people.) My husband has stayed quiet about the situation.

How can I tell her we would prefer she stay in the big city without hurting her feelings? We visit her often, and she visits us. This arrangement has worked for many years. Loving Our Quiet Way Of Life

DEAR LOVING: What exactly do you mean when you say your husband has stayed quiet about this whole situation? Do you know what is driving your mother-in-law's decision to move closer? Could she be concerned about her age and her health, and feel insecure being so far from "family"?

If it's not a health problem, then you and your husband are going to have to speak Your mother-in-law should be told that the two of you do not agree with her parenting advice, that you feel she has ridiculed you and your husband for years, and you would prefer that she remain where she is. And if she makes the move anyway - which she may keep your distance.

DEAR ABBY: My twin sister and I are roommates. Although we usually get along well, she does one thing in particular that bothers me. When she goes out on a date (or home) with a guy she doesn't want me to know about, she lies. She'll tell me she's at a happy hour, a friend's house or still at work. I realize she doesn't have to tell me where she is 24/7, but I hate being lied

It scares and upsets me when midnight rolls around on a weeknight, she still hasn't returned from her "happy hour," and won't answer my texts or calls. I have told her numerous times that for safety reasons I wish she'd be honest and let me know where she's going and whom she's with. She accuses me of trying to pry into her personal life. How can I get her to see my side? - Two Sides In Vir-

ginia **DEAR TWO SIDES: Peo**ple who keep secrets often have something to hide. If your sister were proud of what she's doing (and the men she is with), she wouldn't be so secretive. As well-intentioned as you are, you can't force her to level with you. And because of that, it might lower the stress in your life if the two of you make other living arrangements.

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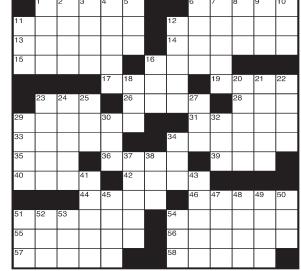
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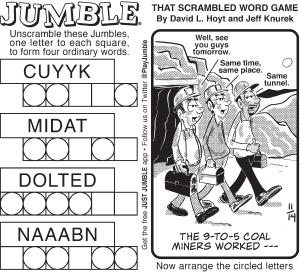
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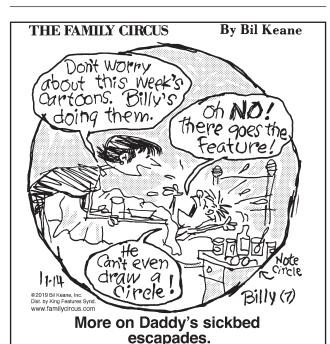
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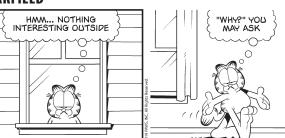


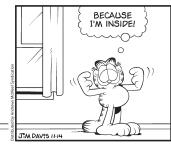
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The church is the body of Christ on earth

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From the writings of the a fellow believer in Christ. Rev. Billy Graham **Q:** How strong is the Chris-

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– N.W. A: The church is the body of Christ on earth. All true Billy

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of passports, the agent smiled

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Sitting on a bus in Eastern Europe, a woman raised her hand to the fogged window and traced a cross. She was communicating a common bond with other believers who were watching. What a privilege to have them faithfully.

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by Luis Campos

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Neglected heartland seen as key to Brexit-dominated election

BY JILL LAWLESS

Associated Press HARTLEPOOL, England In Hartlepool, a tough, proud English port town whipped by bitter North Sea winds, people have long felt

ignored by politicians in far-

off London. But not anymore. Political parties in Britain's Brexit-dominated December election are battling fiercely to win Hartlepool and places like it: working-class former industrial towns with voters who could hold the key to the prime minister's office at 10 Downing Street.

Hartlepool has elected lawmakers from the left-of-center Labour Party for more than half a century. But in 2016, almost 70 percent of voters here backed leaving the European Union. More than three years later, the U.K. is still an EU member, and loyalty to Labour has been eroded by frustration at the political gridlock.

"I've always been a Labour voter," said Diane Jordan, a hypnotherapist enjoying an evening of music and bingo at the Hartlepool Working Men's Club. "My parents were always Labour. My grandparents were always Labour.

"I've never been on the Conservative side, but to me that's looking the best option at the moment, because they're the ones that are wanting to put Brexit through."

That's good news for Conservative Prime Minister Boris Johnson, who pushed for the Dec. 12 election, more than two years early, in hope of breaking Britain's parliamentary deadlock over Brexit. He withdrew his EU

divorce deal from Parliament challenge is complicated by last month after lawmakers demanded more time to scrutinize it. If he gets a majority of the 650 House of Commons seats, he will be able to ratify the package and take Britain out of the bloc as scheduled on Jan. 31.

Johnson's Conservatives are ahead in most opinion polls, but analysts say this election is particularly hard to predict because Brexit cuts across traditional party divides. The 2016 referendum on Britain's EU membership split the country into two camps: leavers and remainers.

Leavers, who are concentrated in small towns and post-industrial cities across England, are eager to cut Brussels red tape, reassert British sovereignty and take control of immigration. Remainers, who most often live in big cities and university towns, would rather stay in an alliance that has eased the flow of goods, services and people across 28 nations with half a billion inhabitants.

Hartlepool, a former shipbuilding center 250 miles north of London where unemployment is more than double the national average, is a town full of leavers.

Tom O'Grady, a lecturer in political science at University College London, said Conservatives need to win seats like Hartlepool to compensate for the likely loss of pro-EU areas in southern England and Scotland.

"They're going to have to gain seats in the north of England and the Midlands from Labour if they're going to win a big majority," he said.

But the Conservatives'

the insurgent Brexit Party, led by veteran euroskeptic Nigel Farage. He rejects Johnson's deal with the EU because it would keep the U.K. bound to the bloc's rules until the end of 2020, and possibly longer.

He'd rather leave the EU without an agreement, which would free Britain to strike new trade deals around the world. It would also, according to most economists, leave the country poorer, by imposing barriers to business with the EU, Britain's biggest trading partner.

Farage accuses both Conservatives and Labour of watering down and delaying Brexit. Hartlepool, where the Brexit Party controls the town council, is the party's top target in the election.

Richard Tice, the Brexit Party's chairman and its Hartlepool candidate, argues that backing the Conservatives here is "a wasted vote." "The Conservatives can

never win in Hartlepool. They never have done in over 60 years. They never will do," he said

He urged people to vote for the Brexit Party in areas held by Labour and other parties that want to stop Brexit. "Then we can make sure a proper Brexit is delivered."

Not all Brexiteers welcome the party's message. This week Farage - under pressure from some of his own supporters - pulled his candidates out of 317 Conservative-dominated electoral constituencies to avoid splitting the pro-Brexit vote.

He faces continued pressure to withdraw from Labour seats as well, to give

the Conservatives a better chance. So far, Farage refuses to budge, arguing that the Tories should stand aside to let the Brexit Party take on Labour in places like Hartlepool.

Labour's complex stance on Brexit has angered some supporters. The party wants to renegotiate the divorce deal, then hold a new referendum on whether to leave the EU or remain. But Labour hopes that social issues such as crime, health care and welfare – all affected by a decade of Conservative publicspending cuts - matter more to voters than Brexit.

"People on the doorstep are talking about anything but Brexit," said Mike Hill, who is running for re-election as the town's Labour lawmaker. He predicted locals wouldn't warm to Tice, a wealthy property developer from the south of England.

"The Brexit Party seem to think they can come here with some southern billionaire candidate and just waltz into the place," Hill said. "Well, the people of Hartlepool are not fools. They can see right through that."

No one, though, is taking Hartlepool's voters for granted. People here are weary - and wary of politicians'

This area has had a rough few decades, and many here voted for Brexit in hope of reversing the decline.

Once-bustling shipyards are closed, though rusting hulks are reduced to scrap at a site just outside town. Most of the steelworks that once employed thousands shut down in the 1970s and 1980s.

Chinese students flee Hong Kong as violence intensifies

and PATRICK QUINN Associated Press

HONG KONG — Unistudents from mainland China are fleeing Hong Kong, and classes in primary and secondary schools have been suspended as clashes turn increasingly violent in the city's 5-month-long anti-government unrest.

Marine police used a boat Wednesday to help a group of mainland students leave the Chinese University of Hong Kong, which remained barricaded by demonstrators after vio-Tuesday.

The Technical Univerreturn home, saying "some of our students have been dormitories because they were put on fire."

The protests have taken with radical demonstrators trashing branches of mainland banks, China's official Xinhua News Agency and restaurant chains whose government.

than the mainland. The protesters say those free- juries. doms are under threat from a city government that is Lee said the use of force from Chinese rule.

For the third day in a row, train service disruptions, blocked streets and rallied in the central business district. They hunkered down police at university campuses.

Mainland students have they are being targeted by protesters who have brodoors, the Beijing Evening News reported.

Many are taking advantage of a program that of- bows and arrows. fers a week of free accomneighboring mainland city of Shenzhen, Chinese media reported.

The "Grads Home" service was established in 2013 to provide short-term accommodations for recent graduates looking for jobs in the tech hub.

Many subway and rail stations were closed after protesters threw debris on Police raided the campus tracks and vandalized train and fired tear gas and used a cars. University classes remained suspended.

Hong Kong Baptist University told students that instruction and exams would be conducted online for the two remaining weeks of the semester, with arrangements for students who have returned to the mainland to join in.

said initially that parents and protesters to show redecide whether straint.

to keep their children at home, then later announced that classes at primary and secondary schools would be suspended Thursday for safety reasons.

Describing the situation as outrageous, the bureau said students should stay at home "and must not participate in any unlawful activities."

Many of the masked protesters are thought to be high school and university students. Police subdued a few pro-

testers as a crowd gathered for a third straight day in a central business and highlent clashes with police on end retail district, public broadcaster RTHK reported. Protesters and police resity of Denmark urged 36 mained in the area, and ofstudents in Hong Kong to fice workers watched from the sidewalks.

At the Chinese University forced to move from their of Hong Kong, students and others readied for another possible clash with police. Gasoline bombs and fires on a strong anti-China bent, lit up parts of the campus Tuesday night, as police battled back with tear gas and rubber bullets.

Police said that over the course of Tuesday, police owners support the Beijing fired 1,567 tear gas canisters, 1,312 rubber bullets Hong Kong is part of Chi- and 380 beanbag rounds. A na but has its own legal sys- total of 142 people were artem and greater freedoms rested and 10 people were taken to hospitals with in-

Security Secretary John beholden to Beijing. China at Chinese University was says the protesters are riot- needed because protesters ers who want to break away were dropping objects onto a roadway below.

"The police have a duty protesters caused major to ensure that this public safety is maintained," he told reporters. "That is why they had to ensure that they would take charge of this for expected clashes with bridge, which previously was occupied by the mobsters."

Groups of riot police said in online posts that were deployed around central Hong Kong and its outlying territories to try ken into their dormitories, to contain new violence. spray-painted insults on Many students at Chinese walls and banged on their University on the outskirts of the sprawling metropolis were armed with gasoline bombs while some carried

"We are afraid the pomodation in one of a dozen lice will come to attack hotels and hostels in the our home and our school, and we have to protect our home and our school," said one student, who gave his name as X Chan.

> The university's student union president, Jacky So, appealed for an injunction from the High Court to ban police from entering the campus without a warrant or the school's approval. water cannon late Tuesday.

> The injunction would also block police from using crowd control weapons, such as tear gas and rubber bullets, at the university. A decision was expected late Wednesday.

The city's religious leaders appealed Wednesday for an end to the violence The Education Bureau and called on both police

Venice 'on its knees' after second-worst flood ever recorded

BY COLLEEN BARRY and LUCA BRUNO

VENICE, Italy — The worst flooding in Venice in more than 50 years prompted calls Wednesday to better protect the historic city from rising sea levels as officials calculated hundreds of millions of euros in damage

The water reached 6.14 feet above sea level Tuesday, the second-highest level ever recorded in the city and just $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches lower than the historic 1966 flood. Another wave of exceptionally high water followed Wednesday.

"Venice is on its knees," Mayor Luigi Brugnaro said on Twitter. "St. Mark's Basilica has sustained serious damage, like the entire city and its is-

One death was blamed on the flooding, on the barrier island of Pellestrina. A man in his 70s was apparently electrocuted when he tried to start a pump in his dwelling, said Danny Carrella, an official on the island of 3,500 inhabitants.

In Venice, the crypt beneath St. Mark's Basilica was inundated for only the second time in its history, as water entered through the windows and past all protections. Damage was

also reported at the Ca' Pesaro es, but of the very future of the modern art gallery, where a short circuit set off a fire, and at La Fenice theater, where authorities turned off electricity as a precaution after the con-

trol room was flooded. Tourists floated suitcases through St. Mark's Square, where officials removed walkways to prevent them from floating away. The water was so high that nothing less than thigh-high boots afforded protection. Water poured through wooden boards that shop and hotel owners have previously placed in front of doors to hold back water during flooding. Tourists staying on the ground floor of hotels were forced to move to upper floors overnight.

"I have often seen St. Mark's Square covered with water," Venice's patriarch, Monsignor Francesco Moraglia, told reporters. "Yesterday there were waves that seemed to be the seashore."

Brugnaro said damage would reach hundreds of millions of euros, and he called on Rome to declare a state of emergency. Premier Giuseppe Conte was due to visit the city later Wednesday.

"We are not just talking about calculating the damag-

city" Brugnaro told reporters. "Because the population drain meant to limit flooding. But also is a result of this."

The flooding was caused by heavy rains coinciding with a full moon that brought high the same time, rising sea levels because of climate change make the city built amid a system of canals even more vul-

Damage included five ferries that serve as water buses, a critical means of transporta-

Photos on social media showed a city ferry, taxi boats and gondolas grounded on walkways flanking canals. At least 60 boats were damaged, according to civil protection authorities.

Pellestrina was one of the worst hit areas. Facing the sea, water came over the banks of the canal and filled the island like a basin. Carrella said more than 3 feet of water remained Wednesday because of broken pumps.

Brugnaro blamed climate change for the "dramatic situation" and called for a speedy completion of a long-delayed project to construct offshore barriers.

Called "Moses," the moveable undersea barriers are the project, which was opposed by environmentalists concerned about damaging the delicate lagoon eco-system, tides that were pushed into has been delayed by cost over-Venice by southerly winds. At runs and corruption scandals, with no launch date in site.

> Luca Zaia, governor of the Veneto region, told SkyTG24 that the barriers were almost complete, but it wasn't clear if they would work against such flooding.

> "Despite 5 billion euros under water, St. Mark's Square certainly wouldn't be secure," Zaia said, referring to one of Venice's lowest points, which floods when there is an inundation of 31.5 inches.

Zaia also expressed concern for snowfalls in the mountains above Venice, where up to 47 inches was expected.

Across the Adriatic Sea, heavy storm and sweeping winds also collapsed caused floods in towns in Croatia and Slovenia.

In the Croatian town of Split, authorities on Wednesday said that the flooding submerged the basement area of the Roman-era Diocletian's Palace where emergency crews battled to pump out the water.

Bolivia's declared interim president faces challenges

BY LUIS ANDRES HENAO and CARLOS VALDEZ

LA PAZ, Bolivia — Bolivia's newly declared interim president, until now a secondtier lawmaker, faces the challenge of winning recognition, stabilizing the nation and quickly organizing national elections at a time of bloody political disputes that pushed the nation's first indigenous leader to fly into self-exile in Mexico after 14 years in

A sense of normalcy returned to the capital on Wednesday, a day after Jeanine Añez claimed the presidency after higher-ranking successors to the post resigned.

Most roadblocks set up by ousted president Evo Morales' foes were removed and public transportation resumed in La Paz, which has been rocked by weeks of protests. Still, large crowds

of Morales' supporters dem- boycotted the session she states that Añez didn't need a onstrated against Añez, taking to the streets of the capital and its sister city of El Alto, a Morales stronghold, waving the multicolored indigenous flag and chanting "Now, civil war!" Police fired tear gas to disperse the groups of stonethrowing demonstrators.

"We don't want any dictators. This lady has stepped on us – that's why we're so mad," said Paulina Luchampe. "We're going to fight with our brothers and sister until Evo Morales is back. We ask for his return. He needs to put the house in order." According to the consti-

tution, an interim president has 90 days to organize an election, and the disputed accession of Añez, who until Tuesday was second-vice president of the Senate, was an example of the long list of obstacles she faces. Morales' backers, who hold a two-

thirds majority in Congress,

called to formalize her claim to the presidency, preventing a quorum.

Still, she took power anyway, saying the constitution did not specifically require congressional approval. "My commitment is to return democracy and tranquility to the country," she said. "They can never again steal our vote." Bolivia's top constitutional

court issued a statement late Tuesday laying out the legal justification for Añez taking the presidency – without mentioning her by name. But other legal experts chal-

lenged the legal technicalities that led to her claim, saying at least some of the steps required Congress to meet. And the lingering ques-

tions could affect her ability to govern. Eduardo Gamarra, a Boliv-

ian political scientist at Flor-

ida International University,

said the constitution clearly

the presidency. Even so, "the next two months are going to be extraordinarily difficult for President Añez," he said. "It doesn't seem likely"

that Morales' party "will accept her as president," said Jennifer Cyr, an associate professor of political science and Latin American studies at the University of Arizona. "So the question of what happens next remains – still quite unclear and extremely worry-

She will need to form a new electoral court, find nonpartisan staff for the electoral tribunal and get Congress, which is controlled by Morales' Movement for Socialism Party, to vote on a new election. And all of it must be done before Jan. 22, when Morales' current term was to

Morales resigned Sunday following weeks of violent

protests fed by allegations of congressional vote to assume electoral fraud in the Oct. 20 election, which he claimed to have won. An Organization of American States audit reported widespread irregularities in the vote count and called for a new election.

But his decision came only after Gen. Williams Kaliman, the armed forces commander, urged him to step down "for the good of Bolivia" – a move that Morales and his backers have branded a coup d'etat. The 60-year-old former

leader, who arrived in Mexico on Tuesday under a grant of asylum, has vowed to remain active in politics. He decried Añez's "self-proclamation" as an affront to constitutional government. "Bolivia is suffering an assault on the power of the people," he said in a Twitter post Tuesday night.

But at a news conference in Mexico City on Wednesday, he took a more conciliatory tone, urging a national

dialogue with oversight by "friendly" countries and international organizations. He also called on police and the military to abstain from violence. "Don't get stained with the blood of the people," he Although Añez met with

Kaliman and was greeted Wednesday by members of the police force, it was uncertain how much support she could count on from other Bolivian power centers. Still, she received a boost

of international support on Wednesday.

Michael G. Kozak of the U.S. State Department's Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs welcomed her as "interim constitutional president," saying on Twitter: "We look forward to working with her & Bolivia's other civilian authorities as they arrange free & fair elections as soon as possible, in accordance w/ Bolivia's constitution."



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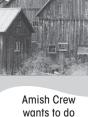
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